

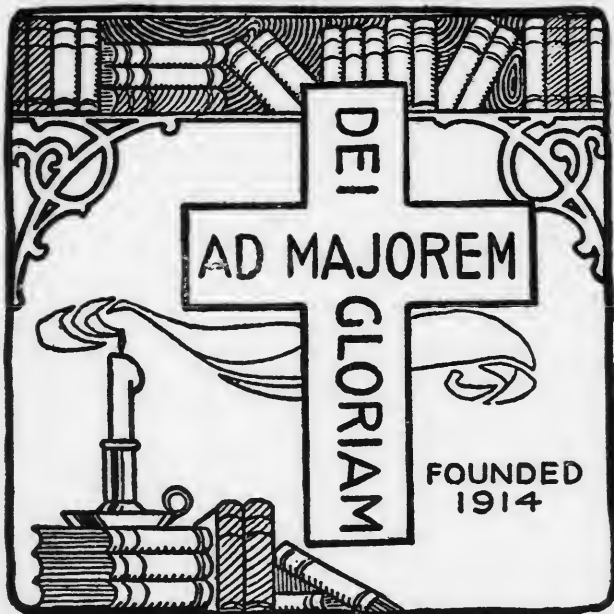
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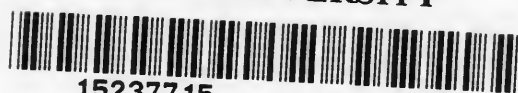
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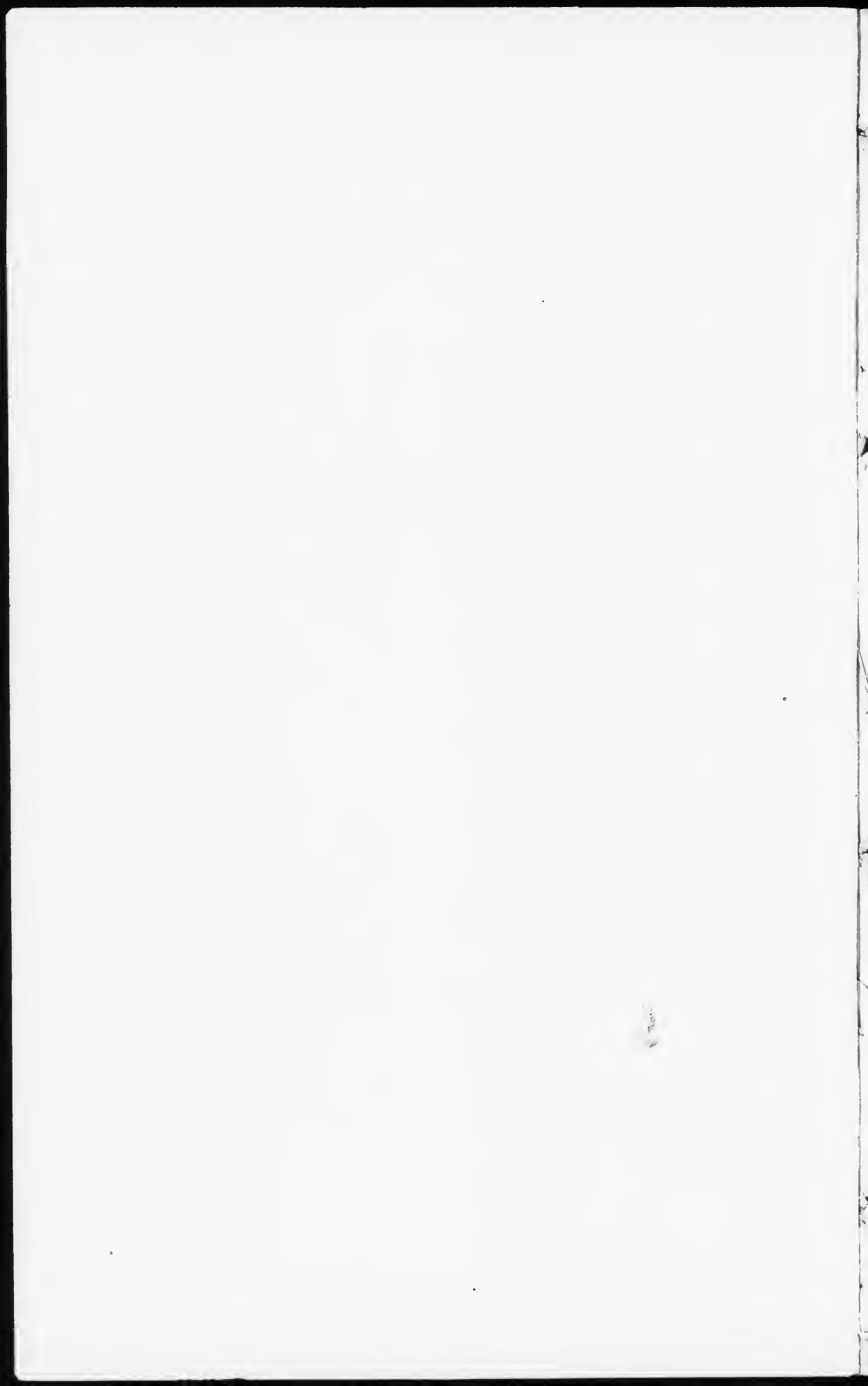
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# JOURNAL.

## FIRST DAY.

White River Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, began its fourteenth session at Newport, Arkansas, on the 12th day of December, A. D. 1883, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Bishop John C. Granbery called the Conference to order, conducted religious services and took the president's chair.

George Thornburgh, the Secretary of the last Conference called the roll of members and delegates, to which the following answered present, to-wit:

### MEMBERS.

Benoni Harris	Robt. G. Brittain ✓	Geo. A. Dannelly ✓
Moses C. Morris	Henry T. Gregory ✓	Jno. H. Dye ✓
Wm. M. Watson	Wm. R. Foster ✓	Jno. F. Armstrong ✓
Edwin A. Garrison	Thos. Vincent ✓	Jas. M. Talkington ✓
Thos. A. Craig ✓	Jas. C. Carter	Josephus Anderson
Geo. M. Hill ✓	Jas. F. Jernigan	Sam'l L. Cochran ✓
Jas. M. Clark	Alonzo C. Griffin	Sam'l G. Shaw
M. J. F. Beasley	Chas. L. Freeman	Chas. B. Hunton
N. B. Fizer ✓	Jno. W. Patton	Julien C. Brown ✓
N. E. Skinner	Isaac T. Morris	Jno. S. Watson ✓
Mathew M. Smith	Edmond C. Castlebery ✓	Jas. F. Troy ✓
Henry B. McNiell	Francis E. Taylor	Colmon H. Ford
Franklin R. Noe ✓	Jno. W. Wood	H. M. Granade ✓
Jas. A. Anderson	Joseph S. Brooke ✓	Jno. C. Ritter
Jno. P. Hilburn	Jno. R. Jones	Jno. Moore ✓
Isaac A. Vernon ✓	Riley P. Harwood	Stephen W. Register ✓
Thos. B. F. James	Jesse F. Pike	Joseph Johnson ✓
	Wm. W. Anderson ✓	

### DELEGATES.

#### *Helena District :*

W. A. Pendergrass  
N. D. Byrd

J. B. Suttler  
S. E. Sweet

#### *Balesville District.*

Geo. Thornburgh

W. E. Randle.

D. P. Tunstall

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*Jonesboro District :*

W. C. Malone  
A. C. Shaver

L. L. Mack  
J. S. Anderson.

*Mississippi District :*

H. T. Blythe

J. F. Smith.

*Searcy District:*

F. P. Laws

M. Harris

J. Robertson.

Fifty-two members and sixteen delegates present. Fourteen members and four delegates absent.

Geo. Thornburgh was elected Secretary ; C. L. Freeman and N. B. Fizer were elected assistant secretaries.

The Bar of the Conference was fixed to extend from the pulpit to the stoves.

It was resolved, that the Conference meet at 9 a. m., and adjourn at 12 m., each day.

The following standing committees, nominated by the Presiding Elders, were selected, to-wit :

*On Books and Periodicals:*

E. A. Garrison  
A. C. Shaver

A. C. Griffin  
F. P. Laws

W. A. Pendergrass

*On the State of the Church:*

Benoni Harris

D. P. Tunstall

H. T. Blythe

*On Temperance:*

J. F. Jernigan  
L. L. Mack

W. M. Watson  
N. D. Boyd

S. E. Sweet

*On Conference Relations:*

Geo. M. Hill  
H. M. Granade  
M. C. Morris

H. T. Gregory  
T. A. Craig  
T. B. F. James

N. E. Skinner.

*On Memoirs:*

G. A. Dannelly

Z. T. Bennett

J. F. Armstrong

*On District Conference Journals:*

N. B. Fizer

C. H. Ford

W. E. Randle

*On Bible Cause:*

J. M. Clark  
J. A. Roberson

F. R. Noe  
J. S. Anderson

M. Harris



*On Public Worship.*

J. H. Dye

H. L. Remmel

H. B. McNiell

Josephus Anderson was relieved from the Board of Education, and Geo. A. Dannelly put in his place thereon.

Asa S. Blackwood and Isaac T. Morris were relieved from the Board of Missions, and J. F. Smith, W. E. Randle, W. C. Malone, John Roberson, W. W. Anderson and J. S. Brooke were added to the Board.

Geo. A. Shaeffer and E. M. Baker were relieved from the Examining Committee of the second year, and M. C. Morris and T. A. Craig were added to the committee.

QUESTION 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Jesse F. Pike from Louisville Conference, Joseph Johnson from North Mississippi Conference, and William W. Anderson from Arkansas Conference, all Elders.

The report of the Central Centenary Committee was read and referred to the Centenary Committee.

A Communication from I. L. Burrow, President of Central Institute, was read and referred to the Board of Education.

Dr. Winfield, of the Little Rock Conference, addressed the Conference in behalf of the Publishing House.

The following resolution introduced by Jno. H. Dye, and M. M. Smith, was unanimously adopted, to-wit:

"Resolved, That we have heard of Dr. J. B. McFerrin's convalescence with great pleasure, and profound gratitude to Almighty God; and we will earnestly pray for his early restoration to his wonted health."

N. Futrell, of the Memphis Conference, Dr. McAnally, of the St. Louis Conference, S. G. Colburn and J. C. Rhodes, of the Little Rock Conference, I. L. Burrow, of the Arkansas Conference, and W. W. Anderson, Jesse F. Pike and Joseph Johnson, transfers, also John P. Lowry, of Arkansas Methodist, were introduced to the Conference.

The annual report of the Book Agent was read and referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

A circular letter from the Sunday school editor was read, and with other papers unread, was referred to the Sunday school Board.

A circular from the Secretary of the Board of Church

Extension, was read and referred to the Board of Church Extension.

The following changes in the joint Board of Finance, were announced, to-wit: G. A. Shaeffer, Frank Ritter and H.B. McNiell relieved, and G. M. Hill, J. F. Jernigan added.

A communication from the editor of the St. Louis Christian Advocate was read, and Dr. McAnally addressed the Conference in behalf of that paper.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

## SECOND DAY.

Thursday morning, December 13th, 1883. Conference was opened at 9 a. m., Bishop Granbery presiding.

Religious exercises were conducted by Dr. McAnally, of the St. Louis Conference.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The roll of those who were absent on yesterday was called, and the following answered, to-wit:

### MEMBERS.

Richard D. Moon.

Milton B. Umsted

### DELEGATES.

*Batesville District:*

Henry Hays.

Making total amount, members 54, delegates 17.

It was ordered that hereafter the calling of the roll be dispensed with.

A communication from Dr. McFerrin, Book Agent, *anent* the Colvin Bequest, accompanied by a check for \$13.86, the amount due the beneficiaries in this Conference, was read and referred with other papers to the Joint Board of Finance.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

William Ruttlidge recommended by the Quarterly Conference of El Paso Circuit, Searcy District;

James D. Ruttlidge, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Gainesville Circuit, Jonesboro District;

James R. Edwards, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Mammoth Springs Mission, Batesville District;

John I. Maynard, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Harrisburg Circuit, Jonesboro District;

William A. Pendergrass, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Marvell Circuit, Helena District;

Henry C. Kirby, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Marianna Station, Helena District;

Joseph B. Dodson, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Pocahontas Circuit, Batesville District;

All stood an approved examination before the Committee, and were admitted on trial.

A communication from the Secretary of "LaBelle Sabbath Convention," of Kansas, in regard to the running of Sunday trains on the Missouri Pacific R. R., presented by Dr. Winfield, was referred to the Presiding Elders to report to-morrow morning.

QUESTION 2. Who remain on trial?

T. H. A. Skinner, character passed, but not having been before the Committee of Examination, he was continued in the class of the first year.

QUESTION 5. Who are re-admitted?

James G. Miller, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Pocahontas Circuit, Batesville District, was refused re-admission.

William H. Paschall, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Walnut Ridge Circuit, Jonesboro District, was re-admitted as a deacon.

S. G. Colburn, Editor of Arkansas Methodist, spoke in behalf of that paper.

I. L. Burrow, President of Central Institute, addressed the Conference in behalf of that Institute.

The president read a part of a letter from Jerome Haralson, in regard to the Quitman College, and commended that School to the Conference.

W. C. Malone was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

D. B. Warren, alternate delegate from Jonesboro District, announced his presence, and he was enrolled in place of W. C. Malone.

Conference adjourned, with the benediction by the president.

## THIRD DAY.

Friday morning, December 14th, 1883. Conference was opened at 9 A. M., Bishop Granbery in the chair.

Religious exercises conducted by G. A. Dannelly.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

A Communication from Dr. Hinton, in regard to the "Southern Quarterly Review," was presented and referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

J. J. Alexander announced his presence.

QUESTION 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

Revand R. Raymond and Robt. D. Woodley stood an approved examination, their characters passed, and they were elected to deacon's orders.

QUESTION 2. Who remain on trial?

Robt. S. Ellis stood an approved examination, his character passed, and he was continued, and advanced to the class of the second year.

QUESTION. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

Revand R. Raymond and Robt. D. Woodley answered all the disciplinary questions, and after being addressed by the Bishop, were admitted into full connection.

QUESTION. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

The character of John C. Ritter passed, but failing to stand an approved examination before the committee, was continued in the class of the third year.

John P. Hilburn, character passed, but not having been before the committee, was continued in the class of the third year.

John Moore, character passed, stood an approved examination, and was advanced to the class of the fourth year.

Isaac A. Vernon, character passed, stood an approved examination, except on logic, and was advanced to the class of the fourth year.

Thomas B. Hilburn, character passed.

Joseph S. Brooke, character passed, but not having been before the committee, was continued in the class of the third year.

Riley P. Harwood, character passed, stood an approved examination. and was advanced to the class of the fourth year.

John R. Jones, character passed, stood an approved examination. and was advanced to the class of the fourth year.

Hiram E. Fleming's name was called. and there being complaints against him, a committee of three, on motion of N. B. Fizer, was ordered to inquire into the charges, and to report as to what disposition should be made of the case. The President appointed as such committee : N. B. Fizer; M. B. Umsted and H. M. Granade.

S. W. Register, character passed, but not having passed an approved examination, was continued in the class of the third year.

Franklin R. Noe, character passed, and not having been before the committee, he was continued in the class of the third year.

John W. Wood, character passed, and continued in the class of the fourth year.

John S. Watson, character passed, and continued in the class of the fourth year.

QUESTION 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

Edmond C. Castleberry, character passed, stood an approved examination, and elected to elder orders.

QUESTION 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Nathaniel Futrell from the Memphis Conference, and Francis A. Jeffett from the Arkansas Conference, both in elder's orders.

A letter from W. A. Candler, in reference to Paine Institute, was read and referred to the Board of Education, and a collection, amounting to \$50.60, was taken up for that Institute.

J. W. Cunningham, representing the "South-Western Methodist," was introduced to the Conference, and spoke in behalf of that paper.

A paper unread, *anent* the Arkansas Female College, was referred to the Board of Education.

The time of this morning's session was extended half an hour.

Dr. Vernor, State Agent of the American Bible Society.

was introduced, and addressed the Conference in behalf of that Society.

W. D. Vandiver, President of the "Bellview Collegiate Institute," was introduced to the Conference.

The following resolution, introduced by J. H. Dye, was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That this Conference recognizes the great work done by the Woman's Missionary organization of our Church in our State and throughout our connection, and we heartily pledge our sympathy and hearty co-operation with the work.

2. That we recognize with great pleasure in our midst the presence of Mrs. Juliana Hays, President of the Woman's Missionary organization, and that we pray God's blessings upon her and the noble work in which she is engaged.

On motion of J. B. Suttler, it was ordered that, after to-day, there be an afternoon session each day.

The following resolutions, introduced by J. H. Dye, were unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That in the transfer of our dearly beloved brethren, Rev. S. G. Shaw and Rev. M. J. F. Beasley, we have lost two of our ablest, most useful, faithful and successful ministers.

Resolved, That we part with them with unfeigned regret, and most heartily commend them to the confidence and love of the Conferences and charges to which they have been assigned.

Conference adjourned, with the benediction by the president.

## FOURTH DAY.

### MORNING SESSION.

Saturday, December 15th, 1883. Conference was opened at 9 A. M., Bishop Granbery presiding.

Religious services were conducted by H. T. Gregory and E. A. Garrison.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

QUESTION 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

M. G. Harris, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of El Paso Circuit, Searcy District ;

William E. Watson, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Viola Circuit, Batesville District ;

James T. Rainer, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Mountain View Circuit, Batesville District ;

J. B. Dodson, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Pocahontas Circuit, Batesville District ;

E. M. Davis, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Walnut Hill Circuit, Batesville District ;

Richard M. Manley, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Taylor's Creek Circuit, Jonesboro District ;

W. A. Pendergrass, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Marvell Circuit, Helena District ; and

James K. Pope, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Marvell Circuit, Helena District, were all elected deacons.

QUESTION 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

L. Winchester, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Hopfield Mission, Mississippi District, and certifying his belief in the doctrines and discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was elected an elder.

The Committee on the case of Hiram E. Fleming reported, recommending that his character pass, and that he be located at his request, which report was adopted.

W. A. Yarnell, lay delegate from Searcy District, announced his presence. Making 18 laymen present.

QUESTION 16. Who are located this year?

Hiram E. Fleming, Thomas B. Hilburn and Thomas J. Settle, at their own request.

The characters of Thomas J. Settle, J. H. Dye, Josephus Anderson, Benoni Harris, H. T. Gregory, Asa S. Blackwood, Geo. A. Shaeffer, John W. Patton, T. A. Craig, E. A. Garrison, J. A. Anderson, G. A. Dannelly, Z. T. Bennett, Geo. M. Hill, S. G. Shaw, M. J. F. Beasley, S. L. Cochran, J. F. Jernigan, E. M. Baker, M. B. Umsted, Thomas Vincent, R. D. Moon, J. C. Carter, C. L. Freeman and J. F. Trov, passed.

Dr. Morton, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, was introduced to the Conference.

On motion it was ordered, that the first order of business this afternoon shall be "Missionary Day."

QUESTION 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

H. B. McNeill, character passed, and not having been before the Committee, was continued in the class of the third year.

Dr. Morton, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, addressed the Conference in behalf of the Church Extension.

On motion of J. B. Suttler it was ordered that when we adjourn it be to meet at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Z. T. Bennett was relieved from the Committee on Memoirs, and D. B. Warren was added to the Committee.

John P. Lowry spoke for the "Arkansas Methodist," Dr. Cunningham for the "South Western Methodist," and Mr. Vandiver for "Bellview Collegiate Institute."

Conference adjourned, with the benediction by the president.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 2:30 o'clock, Bishop Granberry in the chair.

Religious exercises were conducted by B. Harris.

The minutes of this morning's session were read and approved.

The exercises of "Missionary Day" were entered into. A general inquiry was made by the president, as to the collections taken, and the work done, for the cause of Missions.

A resolution of Batesville District Conference, asking that the number of lay delegates to the District Conference be reduced, was read; whereupon J. F. Jernigan and Geo. Thornburgh introduced the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

"Resolved. That the lay representation in the District Conferences shall be four delegates elected by the Quarterly Conference of each charge."

The following resolution, introduced by Geo. Thornburgh and J. F. Jernigan, was adopted, to-wit:

"Resolved. that the Secretary of each meeting of the Board of District Stewards, be requested to send the Minutes of the Board, including the assessments, to the Secretary of his District Conference. And that the Secretary of the District Conference be requested to record the same in the District Conference Journal."

G. A. Dannelly was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.



The following resolution, introduced by Geo. Thornburgh. L. L. Mack, J. B. Suttler, D. B. Warren, S. E. Sweet, N. D. Byrd, W. A. Pendergrass, J. S. Anderson, D. P. Tunstall, F. P. Laws, John A. Roberson, W. A. Yarnell, Josephus Anderson, J. C. Brown, H. B. McNeill, N. B. Fizer, J. C. Carter, S. L. Cochran, J. F. Jernigan and T. A. Craig, was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the pastors be urged to bring up all their assessments in full, if in their power, and that hereafter no collection for objects for which assessments are made, (except Missionary collection), be taken at Annual Conference; so that the minds and the time of the members may be devoted more to spiritual enjoyment and improvement."

The Conference adjourned, with the benediction by the president.

## FIFTH DAY.

### MORNING SESSION.

December 17th, 1883. Conference met at 9 o'clock A. M. Bishop Granbery presiding.

Religious exercises were conducted by J. M. Clark.

The minutes of Saturday's afternoon session were read and approved.

The Board of Missions announced, that the following was the composition of the Board, to-wit:

Josephus Anderson, President;  
S. L. Cochran, Vice-President;  
M. M. Smith, Treasurer;

W. W. Anderson,  
R. D. Woodley,  
J. S. Brooke,

R. G. Brittain,  
I. T. Morris,  
C. B. Hunton.

### LAY MEMBERS.

J. F. Smith,  
W. C. Malone,

W. E. Randle,  
John Roberson.

QUESTION 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

Bishop Granbery stated that he had on yesterday ordained R. R. Raymond and R. D. Woodley.

QUESTION 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

Bishop Granbery announced that on yesterday he ordained M. G. Harris, W. E. Watson, J. T. Rainer, J. B. Dodson, E. M. Davis, R. M. Manley, W. A. Pendergrass, J. H. Anderson and J. A. Spence.

QUESTION 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

Bishop Granbery announced that he had on yesterday ordained E. C. Castleberry.

QUESTION 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

Bishop Granbery announced that he had on yesterday ordained L. Winchester and F. M. Petty.

QUESTION 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

The following named were declared to be: I. T. Morris, A. C. Griffin, W. M. Watson, C. B. Hinton, F. E. Taylor, C. H. Ford, J. F. Armstrong, W. R. Foster, T. B. F. James, R. H. Rodgers, M. M. Smith, J. M. Talkington, J. C. Brown, H. M. Granade, J. M. Clark, M. C. Morris, Frank Ritter, N. E. Skinner, N. B. Fizer, J. J. Alexander, R. G. Brittain, Ed. T. Jones, John Rhyne.

QUESTION 5. Who are re-admitted?

The vote of the Conference, in re admitting W. H. Paschall, was reconsidered, and the application was withdrawn.

The Joint Board of Finance made its report, which was adopted. (See Report "A" in the Appendix).

QUESTION 31. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

Helena, Batesville and Searcy were nominated, and Batesville was chosen.

The Committee on Conference relations reported, recommending that Edward T. Jones be put upon the Supernumerary list, and that John Rhyne and George A. Shaeffer be put upon the Superannuated list.

QUESTION 17. Who are supernumerary?  
Edward T. Jones.

QUESTION 18. Who are superannuated?

John Rhyne and George A. Shaeffer.

QUESTION 19. What preachers have died during the year?

W. M. Avery.

The Committee on Memoirs made their report, which was adopted. (See report "B" in the Appendix.)

The Committee on Conference Journals made their report, which was adopted. (See report "C" in the Appendix.)

QUESTION 3. Who are discontinued?

None.

The Committee on the State of the Church made their report, which was adopted. (See report "D" in the Appendix.)

QUESTION 30. What are the educational statistics?

There is the Batesville District High School, at Salem, with 70 pupils, and the Helena District High School, at Wheatley, with 50 pupils.

The Committee on Education made their report, which was adopted. (See report "E" in the Appendix.)

The Statistical Secretary made his report, which was approved. (See tables in the Appendix.)

QUESTION 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference?

Local Preachers 158. Members 13,695.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals made their report, which was adopted. (See report "F" in the Appendix.)

The Missionary Board reported the following Assessments and appropriations for 1884, to-wit:

ASSESSMENTS:

	FOREIGN MIS.	DOMESTIC MIS.
Searcy District, - - - -	\$700.	\$300.
Batesville " - - - -	500.	175.
Jonesboro " - - - -	400.	150.
Helena " - - - -	700.	300.
Mississippi " - - - -	200.	75.

APPROPRIATIONS:

	P. C.	P. E.
Argenta Mission, Searcy District, -	\$100.	\$50.
Cleburne " " - - -	100.	50.
Calamine " Batesville " - - -	100.	50.
Tyrouza " Mississippi " - - -	50.	50.
Big Lake " " - - -	100.	50.
Hopefield " " - - -	100.	50.

The Committee on Bible Cause made their report, which was adopted. (See report "G" in the Appendix.)

It was ordered that when we adjourn, that it be to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon:

The Joint Board of Finance reported the following assessments for the ensuing year.

Searcy District:	Bishops:	\$ 125.	Conf. Col.,	\$ 300.
Batesville "	"	105.	" "	250.
Jonesboro "	"	90.	" "	225.
Mississippi "	"	60.	" "	150.
Helena "	"	120.	" "	275.

Conference adjourned, with the benediction by the President.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 2 o'clock P. M.. Bishop Granbery absent; Josephus Anderson took the president's chair by appointment of the Bishop.

Religious exercises were conducted by W. W. Anderson.

The minutes of this morning's session were read and approved.

QUESTION 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year?

409.

QUESTION 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?

1,058.

QUESTION 24. What is the number of Sunday schools?

163.

QUESTION 25. What is the number of Sunday school teachers?

919.

QUESTION 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?

7,196

QUESTION 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

\$1200.00

QUESTION 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

\$671.20. Applied as stated in the report. No. 1, of the Joint Board of Finance.

QUESTION 29. What' has been contributed for missions ?

For Foreign Missions.	-	-	\$ 970.00
“ Domestic	“	-	551.80

The Committee on Temperance made their report, which was adopted. (See report “H” in the Appendix.)

The Sunday-school Board made its report, which was adopted. (See report “I” in the Appendix.)

The Conference Board of Church Extension made its report, which was adopted. (See report “J” in the Appendix.)

Dr. Anderson reported, that he had failed to meet any other committeemen for the purpose of considering the subject of Quitman College.

The Secretary of the Centennial Committee announced that the Committee was composed as follows :

P. E's.	Pastor.	Laymen.
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*Searcy District :*

J. H. Dye,	E. A. Garrison,	J. N. Cypert.
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*Batesville District :*

H. M. Granade,	Geo. ThornLugh.
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*Jonesboro District :*

Geo. A. Dannelly,	L. L. Mack.
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*Helena District :*

J. M. Clark,	J. B. Suttler.
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*Mississippi District :*

M. M. Smith,	J. F. Smith.
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President, J. H. Dye ;  
Secretary, J. B. Suttler ;  
Treasurer, J. N. Cypert.

The following programme was also announced :

Dr. J. Anderson to preach the Centenary sermon. R. G. Brittain, alternate.

The 4th Sunday in May is the beginning of Centennial services, and the 5th Sunday in June is Children's Day. The preachers to call attention of their people to the special services, on the first Sunday in January.

The members of the Conference Board of Missions were all re-elected to hold for the unexpired term.

The Joint Board of Finance made the following supplemental report, to wit :

Joint Board of Finance—Supplemental Report.

We have apportioned the Conference Fund to the following claimants, and paid the sums over to the brethren whose names are set opposite :

CLAIMANTS.	TO WHOM PAID.
Sister B. F. Hall and five children,	\$125.00 Henry Hayes :
Sister Beulah Carlisle, - - -	125.00 Dr. J. Anderson :
Bro. Jno. Rhyne, - - -	50.00 Sent by G.M. Hill :
McAlister child, - - -	25.00 H. T. Blythe :
Sister Pearson and five children,	175.00 Dr. J. Anderson :
Sister John Hall, - - -	70.00 Thos. Vincent :
Susan Lee and one child, -	89.75 Bro. Cochran :
Miss Jessie Noe, - - -	25.00 N. B. Fizer.
Cost of sending money to Rhyne.	30

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\$685.05

On motion of G. A. Dannelly, it was resolved, that the preachers be requested to take all the collections as early in the year as practicable.

E. A. Garrison, T. A. Craig and R. P. Harwood offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit :

“Resolved, That the thanks of the Conference are hereby tendered to Capts. Postal, Harry and McArthur for their great generosity in bringing preachers to Conference and back free, and laymen at half fare.”

E. A. Garrison, J. B. Suttler and J. Anderson offered the following resolution, to wit :

“Resolved, That we return our grateful acknowledgments to the various Railways for reduced rates to Conference. And we extend our hearty thanks and high appreciation of our worthy Secretary, George Thornburgh, for securing these rates for us, and his faithful service at our sessions, and in the interim.”

Bishop Granbery appeared and took the President's chair.

QUESTION 16. Who are located this year ?

Isaac T. Morris, in elder's orders, at his own request.

The President announced the following appointments :

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE:

Searcy District,	F. A. Jeffett,	J. W. Stayton;
Batesville "	M. B. Umsted,	J. W. G. Glenn;
Jonesboro "	J. F. Jernigan,	L. L. Mack ;
Helena "	C. H. Ford,	J. M. Hanks;
Mississippi "	N Futrell,	H. T. Blythe.

Visiting Committee to Arkansas Female College: J. M. Talkington, J. C. Brown and E. A. Garrison.

The Sunday-school Board was announced as follows:

N. B. Fizer, President;	
J. B. Suttler, Secretary;	
W. M. Watson,	E. A. Garrison,
John Moore,	C. L. Freeman,
J. F. Smith,	F. P. Laws,
D. B. Warren,	Geo. Thornburgh.

The Board of Missions made its statistical report. (See table in the Appendix.)

The following resolution, introduced by E. A. Garrison, J. Anderson and J. B. Suttler, was adopted unanimously by a rising vote, to-wit:

"Resolved, That we extend to the people of Newport, who have entertained us so handsomely, our grateful and hearty thanks: and we pray that God will, in his infinite goodness, bestow upon them his choicest blessings."

On motion of W. R. Foster, the Bishops were requested to fix our next session in December, 1884.

The minutes of this afternoon's session were read and approved.

QUESTION 32. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

*Searcy District:*

John H. Dye, Presiding Elder.

Searcy Station,		F. A. Jeffett;
Searcy Circuit,		A. S. Blackwood;
El Paso "		W. W. Anderson;
West Point "		J. F. Pike;
Judsonia "		Z. T. Bennett;
Beebe "		J. M. Talkington;
Oil Trough "	supplied by	M. E. Brady;
Pleasant Valley "		T. A. Craig;
Augusta Sta.		E. A. Garrison;
		Ed. T. Jones, sup.;
		E. C. Castleberry;
Mineral Circuit,		to be supplied ;
Argenta Mission,		J. A. Anderson ;
Bayou Metoe Circuit,		Frank Ritter ;
Newport Station,		J. W. Patton ;
Jacksonport "		R. G. Brittain ;
Jacksonport Circuit,		M. G. Harris.
Cleburne Mission,	to be supplied by	

*Batesville District :*

H. M. Granade, Presiding Elder.

Batesville Station,	Josephus Anderson ;
Sulphur Rock Ct.,	S. L. Cochran ;
Jamestown "	H. T. Gregory ;
Evening Shade "	E. M. Baker ;
Melbourne "	M. B. Umsted ;
Newburg "	Thomas Vincent ;
Salem "	S. W. Register ;
Mammoth Springs Mis.,	J. R. Edwards ;
Viola Ct.,	I. A. Vernon ;
Bethesda "	J. C. Carter ;
Ash Flat "	F. R. Noe ;
Calamine Mis.,	R. D. Moon ;
Mountain View Ct.,	J. T. R. Jones ;
Powhatan and Smithville,	R. D. Woodley ;
Smithville Ct.,	J. J. Alexander ;
Walnut Hill "	J. F. Troy.

*Jonesboro District:*

G. A. Dannelly, Presiding Elder.

Taylor's Creek Ct.,	John Moore ,
Wittsburg Sta.,	R. S. Ellis ;
Wittsburg Ct.,	J. B. Dodson ;
Harrisburg "	A. C. Griffin ;
Jonesboro "	Wm. R. Foster ;
Shiloh "	C. B. Hunton ;
Old Town " supplied by	Jonathan Richardson
Greensboro "	F. E. Taylor ;
Pleasant Hill Ct.,	J. S. Watson ;
Gainesville	W. M. Watson ;
Boydsville "	J. F. Jernigan ;
Mt. Zion "	J. I. Maynard ;
Corning "	J. W. Wood ;
Walnut Ridge and Corning,	J. S. Brooke ;
Pocahontas Ct.,	R. P. Harwood ;
Siloam "	J. F. Armstrong ;
Walnut Ridge "	C. L. Freeman.

*Mississippi District:*

M. M. Smith, Presiding Elder.

Osceola Ct.,	T. B. F. James ;
Chickasawba "	B. Harris ;
Hickman Bend "	T. H. A. Skinner ;
Frenchman's Bayou Ct.,	W. A. Pendergrass ;
Marion "	N. Futrell ;
Tyroneza Mis., supplied by	L. Winchester ;
Walnut Bend Ct.	R. R. Raymond ;
Big Lake Mis., supplied by	R. M. Omby.

*Helena District :*

J. M. Clark, Presiding Elder.

Helena Station,	J. C. Brown ;
Lagrange Ct.,	C. H. Ford ;
Marianna Station,	Geo. M. Hill ;
Wheatley Ct.,	M. C. Morris ;



Holly Grove "

Clarendon and Brinkley,

De View Ct.,

Goodwin "

Forrest City Ct.,

Forrest City Station,

Cypress Ridge Ct.,

supplied by

( Joseph Johnson, P. C.

( H. C. Kirby, J. P.

H. B. McNeill;

N. E. Skinner;

M. R. Bransons;

J. C. Ritter;

N. B. Fizer;

Wm. E. Ruttlidge.

**TRANSFERRED:**

S. G. Shaw, to West Texas Conference, and appointed to Seguin Station.

M. J. F. Beasley, to West Texas Conference, and appointed to Laredo and Eagle Pass.

R. H. Rodgers, to North Alabama Conference.

J. P. Hilburn, to St. Louis Conference, and appointed to Manchester Station.

Conference adjourned, with the benediction by the President.

JNO. C. GRANBERY,  
President.

GEO. THORNBURGH,  
Secretary.

NOTE: The Secretary acknowledges his obligations to Rev. C. L. Freeman for preparing most all the Manuscript for the printer, and it was well done.

GEO. THORNBURGH.



# APPENDIX.

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(A.)

## Joint Board of Finance.

If there is any one earthly trust committed to the hands of the Methodist Preachers, more sacred than another, it is the Conference fund for the benefit of the widows and orphans of their deceased brethren who have fallen by their side in the forefront of the fight, doing valiant service in the cause of God and humanity, and yet your Board find themselves embarrassed year after year, by the failure of the members to execute this trust, which should be so dear to them. Last, 47 per cent., and this year, 55 per cent., of the meagre assessment, collected, leaves your Board no discretion except to shave each claimant down to such a point that the annuity becomes so small a pittance, that the need of the claimants must be desperate, indeed, if these amounts are of any real benefit.

We can only trust that the God of David will not forsake the righteous, nor permit his seed to beg bread. Brethren, let us urge upon you a higher standard in this matter, and ask each one of you to leave no stone unturned to bring up his full assessment another year.

For statistics, see Tabular statement.

C. H. FORD, Chairman.

J. B. SUTTLE, Secretary

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(B.)

## Report of the Committee on Memoirs.

To the White River Annual Conference, of the M. E. Church, South.  
Your Committee on Memoirs would submit the following report:

Brother William M. Avery was born in Gibson county, Tennessee, about the year 1850; was married while quite young to Miss M. F. Hargrave; was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in early life; moved to Jackson county, Arkansas, about the year 1868; was licensed to preach in 1881; preached as a local preacher with zeal and profit to the Church, and acceptability to the people until the fall of 1882, when he was admitted on trial in this Conference, at its session held at Forrest City a year ago, and was appointed to Bayou Metoe Circuit; but before he could go to his work he was stricken down by disease, and died triumphantly about December—1882, leaving a wife and three small children to mourn their irreparable loss.

Brother Avery was a faithful, good, devoted Christian minister, and

possessed the true ministerial zeal, and doubtless would have been a very valuable acquisition to our ranks and a co-worker in the cause of Christ. But our Heavenly Father ordered otherwise, and while we mourn the loss of one who promised to be so useful to the Church and the world, we bow with humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. DANNELLY, }  
D. B. WARREN, } Committee.  
J. F. ARMSTRONG. }

Newport, Ark., Dec. 17, 1883.

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### (C.) Report of the Committee on District Conference Journals.

Your Committee on District Conference Journals have to report that we have had placed in our hands the Journals for the Batesville, Searcy and Mississippi Districts.

The Batesville District Conference Journal is a model of neatness and correctness. It exhibits great care upon the part of the Secretary, which is truly commendable.

The Journal of the Searcy District Conference discloses unnecessary haste upon the part of the Secretary. This Journal shows that the Conference entered upon business before the Conference was organized. The Roll-call was omitted after the first session, but Journal fails to show by what authority.

The Mississippi District Conference Journal bears marks of carelessness in its general outline and arrangement. We note a fearful want of conformity to the rules of grammar, orthography and punctuation. The frequent erasures disfigure very much the face of the Journal. We also note the omission of the Roll-call; but the Journal fails to show the reason. So far as the Journal is concerned, the Conference is still in session.

Your Committee recommend that the Presiding Elders use greater care and diligence to secure a correct minute of their Conferences.

Respectfully submitted,

N. B. FIZER,  
C. H. FORD.

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### (D.) State of the Church.

Your Committee to whom was referred the State of the Church, have had the same under consideration, and would submit the following report: The Church in its militant character, and in its relations to time, is the great instrumentality ordained of God for the conversion of the world; and we cannot fail to observe with profound interest its movements in the accomplishments of its sublime mission. The past year has been one of great activity in all the enterprises of the Church at home and abroad. Our lines have been thrown forward, and the kingdoms of this world are obviously yielding to the power of the Gospel; and we are rapidly approaching the time when the banner of the Cross, dripping with the blood of redemption, shall wave in triumph over all the earth.

Many localities within the bounds of our own Conference have been favored with gracious visitations of the divine Spirit, and many of our people have been made to realize that the religion of Christ in its essential nature is a blessed experience, and that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation. Revivals of unusual power have swept over many communities, vitalizing the Church and bringing sinners in multitudes to a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. In some instances scarcely a sinner has been left unconverted—so deep and thorough has been the work of grace on the hearts of the people. The Church is in a healthy and growing condition. Her agencies for good are multiplying; and she is beginning to realize more fully the possibilities that lie out before her in the future. With our increasing facilities for doing, we indulge the hope of greater prosperity, and more glorious results in the future.

The past year has been one of great peace, as well as of prosperity; no storms from without, nor discordant elements from within have arisen to disturb the even tenor of the work. The outlook is decidedly encouraging; and we should go forward with renewed energy and zeal in the prosecution of our work. In the struggles and triumphs of the past, the God our sainted fathers served has been with us, and we have the promise that He will be with us to the end.

With the mantle of worthy sires resting upon us, and with hearts baptized with the Spirit and power of God, we should go forth strong in faith, and kindle anew in the hearts of men the regenerating fires of the Gospel of the grace of God.

Resolved 1, That we will pray for a deeper work of grace in our own hearts, and that we will urge upon our people the necessity of higher attainments in the divine life.

Resolved 2, That we will urge upon our people the necessity of attending the social meetings of the Church, as a means of grace; and that we will as far as practicable hold prayer-meetings and class-meetings in our respective charges.

Respectfully submitted,

BENONI HARRIS,  
HENRY T. BLYTHE,  
D. P. TUNSTALL.

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(E.)

### Committee on Education.

We your Board of Education ask leave to submit the following report.

We find that during the past year there has been an evident and gratifying increase of interest in the cause of Education not only within the bounds of the White River Conference, but also throughout the entire State. Quite a number of communications have been referred to this Board, which we have considered in the order following. First, we are gratified to learn from the communication referred to us from the Arkansas Female College, that said institution is in a prosperous condition and doing its work nobly; although the present school buildings are unfitted to accommodate the increasing patronage, and indeed unfit for further use. Mrs. Warner proposes to erect, at her own expense and upon her own property, large and suitable buildings which will be ready for occupancy during the Spring or Summer of 1884. Your Board do not feel warranted in recommending the purchase of

such buildings when completed, by the Board of Trustees, but they do recommend the purchase of the corner lot mentioned in the communication referred to us.

Your Board find further, that we have within the bounds of the White River Conference two District schools of promise and worthy of patronage. One located at Salem, Fulton county, Arkansas, is in active and successful operation—has a healthy location, and an average attendance of seventy pupils. We heartily recommend it to the patronage and support of the people of Northern Arkansas.

The other located at Wheeler, Arkansas, is in prosperous condition and gives promise of continued success. It has an efficient corps of teachers—has fifty pupils in attendance, has a healthy location and a large territory that is accessible. It is proposed at an early day to erect suitable buildings for the accommodation of boarding pupils. We heartily commend it to the members and friends of this Conference.

A communication from the Central Collegiate Institute, located at Altus, Franklin county, Arkansas, has been referred to your Board for consideration. The school is doubtless ably and well conducted and is perhaps well located and worthy of highest commendation; but this Board cannot recommend the adoption of this school by this Conference; 1st Because the school is distant from the bounds of this Conference, and 2nd Because we deem that anything more than, an endorsement, which we give, would be a simple formality and of no material benefit to the institution.

The President of Bellevue Collegiate Institute, located at Caledonia, Mo., appeared before the Board and asked that his school be mentioned in our Report. We take pleasure in saying that from information received we believe this Institute to be well and favorably located, ably conducted, of good grade and worthy of increased patronage.

Your Board had referred to them a communication in reference to Paine Institute, from which we make the following extracts: "A request is made that the Church connectional give as early in the year as much as 3 cents per member, and that to raise this amount the Presiding Elders be requested to take it in hand and do what they can to raise it. This plan is suggested in order to relieve the preachers in charge of having another collection to take and still to reach every charge and secure the amount desired."

We recommend the plan as stated above and submit the same for endorsement and adoption by the Conference.

To your Board has also been submitted a Register of Vanderbilt University. In common with all the Conferences of our Church and the entire connection we are proud of this noble Institution and are grateful that its prosperity and usefulness increases yearly. We are confident no school in the South or West is better or even half so well equipped for successful or thorough instruction, or where better facilities are afforded for educating its pupils in the highest grades. Enough cannot be said in praise of this our great University, and we most earnestly recommend it to every young man who desires to obtain a thorough education.

JULIEN L. BROWN,  
J. C. CARTER,  
J. F. SMITH,  
W. A. YARNELL,  
GEO. A. DANIELLY,  
E. A. GARRISON.

**(F.) Report of Committee on Books and Periodicals.**

Your Committee on Books and Periodicals respectfully report, they have read with rejoicing the encouraging exhibit of the Book Agent, giving the improving financial condition of our Publishing House, and its increasing facilities for aiding the onward march of our division of the militant host. There has been a net gain by the House this year, in its business operations, of \$48,000.00.

We would stress the fact—and by us to be repeated to our people—this institution is a Connectional one belonging to the whole Church—to us as a part of that Church. We must make continued, persistent efforts to increase the sale of our books and literature.

The Christian Advocate, Dr. Fitzgerald editor, needs only to be seen to be appreciated, and as it is our great connectional organ, we should give it precedence to all other church papers issued beyond our State. Our S. S. literature will be more particularly noticed by your Sunday-school Committee. We thank God for the thousand sheets of pure and attractive reading for our Sunday-schools coming weekly from our own presses.

The St. Louis Christian Advocate we commend as an excellent religious paper of our church, and the presence of its venerable editor was a benediction to our hearts.

The South-Western Methodist in this its second year has proven itself worthy and able to stand side by side with its older sister and we welcome the genial face and warm heart of its representative, Bro. J. W. Cunningham, in our midst. The kind offers of both of our St. Louis papers show to us they possess the grace of liberality.

The Southern Qr. Review, Dr. Hinton, editor, with the ablest pens of our Church filling its pages with the thoughts of sanctified intellect, commend itself to our minds.

We have also had brought to our attention, and we recommend it as sound and useful literature, The Southern Pulpit of Richmond, Va.

The Southern Youth, published in our state, and edited by Dr. R. G. Porter ("Gilderoy"); we must heartily commend its bright, pure and instructive columns.

The Arkansas Methodist—at its mention we thank God and take courage—for amid doubts and fears it has reached a proud eminence within our borders and beyond; with its present editor and assistants it has become vigorous, strong and aggressive—a faithful helper to us in spreading truth throughout our bounds. It is our paper and being worthy we must sustain it.

Therefore be it Resolved, 1st, That we adopt the Arkansas Methodist as our Conference organ, and will make our best endeavors to increase its circulation

2nd, That we recommend Bro. J. C. Brown as corresponding editor, We would add as statistics: amount of books sold, \$1,565.45; last year, \$972 60. Christian Advocates taken 420; last year, 320. Other Church papers taken, 561; last year, 376. Periodicals taken, 242; last year, 38

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. GARRISON, (Chairman,  
F. P. LAWS,  
A. C. GRIFFIN.

(G.)

## Report on Bible Cause.

We, your Committee, to whom was referred the Bible cause, beg leave to submit the following as our report :

The principal amount of work done in this important department of Christian effort within the bounds of our Conference during the year, has been done through the A. B. S. This Society through its Agt. the Rev. W. H. Vernor, has entered upon a canvass of the entire state. Sixty counties have been canvassed during the year, and several of these are within the bounds of our Conference. Most of this work, as we are informed by the District Supt. Mr. Vernor, has been done by ministers of our Church—but we are unable to give in detail the full amount of work done. There are also quite a number of local auxiliaries established within our bounds, to which many of our people contribute liberally, but to what extent precisely, we have no means of knowing.

The following are the amounts reported as donations to the Parent Society, from the various charges, viz :

Marianna Station .....	\$ 5.00
Brinkley & Clarendon Sta. ....	10.00
La Grange t. ....	10.00
Gainessville Ct. ....	1.50
Wittsburg Ct. ....	18.00
Searcy Station .....	27.75
Augusta Sta. ....	15.60
Argenta Sta. ....	2.10
Walnut Ridge Ct. ....	2.50
Batesville Sta. ....	7.00
Sulphur Rock Ct. ....	4.00

Total ..... 103.45

Also, amt. of Bibles sold by Rev. W. C. Malone as Colporteur, 125.00

Grand total .....\$228.45

In view of the great good which has been and is still being accomplished by this noble institution, the A. B. Society, in the circulation of the word of God at home and abroad, we commend it to the prayers, sympathies, and contributions of all our people. And secondly, we recommend that all our ministers preach a sermon to each of their respective congregations during the Centenary year on the duty of disseminating the word of God, and, that the 1st Sabbath in Feb. 1884, be set apart the day for raising collections for the Bible Cause, and that the amounts so raised be sent at once to Rev. W. H. Vernor, Dist. Supt. of Arkansas, at Little Rock.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. M. CLARK, Chm. Com.

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## Report on Temperance,

To the White River Conference in session at Newport, Ark :

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report that we had the subject under prayerful and careful consideration ; and it is with profound gratitude to Almighty God for his mercy and goodness that we contemplate the success of the cause of Temperance. The wave of reform in public sentiment on this important subject is sweeping the

country broad-cast until the community in general is interested, and all classes, sects, and parties are carefully investigating and considering the evil effects of the use of Alcoholic stimulants as a beverage, and the result is, that new converts and accessions to the friends of temperance reform are being daily added to our ranks.

The result thus far is gratifying to Christian parents and philanthropists. Saloons have been closed in many places, crime decreased and money saved. Friendly legislation has been influenced in the interest of this reform, and a more rigid enforcement of law has resulted throughout our jurisdiction, until a glorious reform has been effected.

Your Committee have carefully collected information on this subject from all available sources at their command and upon a careful summing up of all the information collected, we are able to state, that the sale and use of ardent and spirituous liquors, as a beverage, has been decreased within the bounds of the Conference, since the commencement of active operations by the friends of the cause, about seventy-five per cent.

From the present outlook there is everything to encourage and stimulate us to increased energy and zeal in carrying on the good and well begun reform, until God shall crown our efforts with a complete victory over the monster evil of intemperance. For such a result, let Christian parent and philanthropist labor and pray.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. F. JERNIGAN,  
L. L. MACK,  
W. M. WATSON.

Dec. 14, 1883.

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### (I.) **Report of Sunday School Board.**

Your Sunday School Board find much to commend in the improved literature now offered by our Publishing House, for Sunday school use, and we heartily endorse it, and recommend it to you, and ask that you see that your people are fully supplied with it.

As to the general aspect of the Sunday school work in our bounds, we are pained to note, that this year does not show that improvement that we had expected and hoped to see. There has been no increase in the number of schools; a decrease of 31 in officers and teachers; an increase of 314 in scholars; decrease of volumes in library, 870; 69 increase in number of Visitors taken; 19 decrease in number of magazines taken; 771 increase in lesson papers and quarterlies; 438 increase in Our Little People, and an increase of \$230.20 in amount expended. That we might have done worse is possible. That we should have done a great deal better, cannot be denied.

Our Church has never seemed to realize fully the magnitude and power of this interest, and the White River Conference seems to stand at the foot of the list. Shall this continue?

The Sunday-school is everywhere becoming the precursor of the Church—it is the Church in embryo. The minister who diligently fosters and forwards this cause, is sowing seed which shall return him an hundred fold. The layman, who gives his time and talent to the work, is doing a service which shall delight and refresh his own soul continually, and is laying up a treasure above, which shall continue to grow with each generation until the end of time, and which can never be taken away from him.



We make no suggestion now as to methods. Any system would be worthless without men to carry it forward, and a poor system will be made effective by men who are consumed with zeal in the Master's cause. The need of the hour is men—ministers and laymen—men who are devoted to this service and who will hunt up the young and instruct them in the Way of Life.

Let the watchword be, a perennial Sunday-school at every appointment in the White River Conference. This attained, the harvest of souls in the near future would burden your hearts with joy, and would give you a foretaste of the happiness awaiting those who are faithful to their Lord in all things, great and small. Press the Battle, brethren!

For statistics, see Tabular statement.

JULIEN C. BROWN, Chairman.

J. B. SUTTLER, Secretary.

The Board of Church Extension of White River Conference would respectfully report, that the following amounts have been collected by the Board, to-wit:

At anniversary at Forrest City, 1882,.....	\$ 75.00
From private subscriptions to J. H. Dye,.....	20.00
At anniversary at Newport, 1883,.....	42.75
From pastors, on assessments, 1883,.....	211.00

Total,.....	\$ 349.05
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The Board has paid to the Parent Board, as follows:

By J. H. Dye,.....	37.50
" the Treas., through E. A. Garrison,.....	7.50
" " " at Newport,.....	119.35 - -164.35

Leaving in the Treasury,.....	184.70
Of which there is due the Parent Board,.....	10.17

Leaving net balance in the Treasury,.....	\$ 174.53
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We have several applications for assistance, but none of them are in the form required, and hence we have taken no action.

We have appeared a committee to prepare proper blanks for applications; and also to have the Board incorporated.

The Board is now composed as follows, to-wit:

John H. Dye, President;  
John W. Stayton, Vice-President;  
Geo. Thornburgh, Secretary;  
L. L. Mack, Treasurer.

#### MANAGERS:

C. H. Ford,  
N. B. Fizer,

H. T. Gregory,  
J. M. Hawks.

We have received no notice of the amount assessed by the Parent Board to this Conference, hence we make no apportionments now, but will do so when the same is received; and it will be done upon the same basis as last year.

GEO. THOR BURGH, Secretary.

JOHN H. DYE, President.

## COLLECTIONS.

## SEARCY DISTRICT:

CHARGES.	FOR THE MINISTRY.				OTHER OBJECTS.			
	Salary P. E.	Recpts.	Salary P. C.	Recpts.	Bishops.	C. C.	Poor.	Other objects.
Searcy sta.....	\$125	103 60	1000	828 40	14 60	37 40	10 00	2 20
Searcy ct.....	80	70	270	114 20	9 35	5 00		
El Paso ct.....	80	42 45	600	355	5 00	20 00	25 00	13 00
West Point ct.....	80	68 30	400	341 40	8 00	9 35		
Judsonia ct.....	60	16 00	300	80 00	5 00	4 00	7 00	
Oil Trough ct.....	5	5 00	175	152 10	5 30	3 00		30 00
Pleasant Valley ct.....	75	61 50	525	450 90	8 80	19 00		
Augusta sta.....	100	100 00	1000	1000 0	15 00	34 00	65 00	125 60
Mineral ct.....	60	31 90	265	168 40	7 00	12 85	3 45	
Argenta Mission.....			700	262 40			50 00	
Bayou Meto ct. ....	60	29 00	320	115 00		6 00		
Newport sta. ....	60	60 00	300	315 60	7 20	15 60	25 00	
Jacksonport ct.....	60	10 00	200	80 00	6 00			
Wal Ridge & Cor.	75	12 00	350	350 00	8 75	8 50		2 50
Jacksonport sta.....	50	50 00	500	500 09	5 00	7 00		
Beebe ct.....	100	75 00	550	285 00	8 00	3 00		
Total.	1070	731 75	7,955	5,427.80	112 70	185 50	185 40	173 30

## BATESVILLE DISTRICT:

Batesville Sta.....	85 00	85.00	650.00	650.00	16.00	36.00	15 00	20 00
Sulphur Rock Ct...	50.00	38.45	425.00	347.05	8.50	11.00	5.00	
Jamestown Ct.....	45.00	39.80	400.00	318.85	8.50	12 50		110.00
LaCrosse & E Shade	40.00	40.00	410.00	400.03	3 00	8.15	4.50	
Melbourne Ct.....	50.00	30 00	450.00	300.00	6 00	5.00	18.00	
Newburgh Ct.....	50 00	18 50	240.00	148.20	6.00	7.00		
Salem ct.....	35.00	28 50	280.00	190.20	6.00	13.00		1.50
M. Spring Mission	10.00	3 50	125.00	86 65	2.00			
Viola ct. ....	30.00	5.00	145 00	66.22	2.50			
Bethesda ct.....	50.00	27 52	150.00	247.73	5.75	10.00		.05
Ash Flat ct.....	30.00	26.50	300.00	255.12	4 30	13 80	13.00	
Calamine Mission	25.00	22.25	155.00	121.00	.75			
Mountain View ct.	25.00	18.25	360.00	200.50	4.00	5.25		
Pan & Sm'll sta....	45.00	4 00	450.00	450.00	7.00	16.10		29.20
Smithville ct.....	40.00	29.00	250.00	163.43	8.00	5.00		
Walnut Hill ct.....	30 00	25.00	300 00	169.00	6.00	2.50		1 00
Pocahontas ct.....	25.00	12.75	250.00	150.00	4 00	3.00		
Siloam ct.....					2 70	3.00		
Pocahontas sta.....					2.00	3.00		
Total.	64500	495.02	5610.00	4263 95	103.00	154 30	55.50	162 20

## JONESBORO DISTRICT:

CHARGES.	FOR THE MINISTRY.				OTHER OBJECTS.			
	Salary P. E.	Rec'pts.	Salary P. C.	Rec'pts.	Bis'ops	C. C.	Poor.	Other objects.
Taylor's Creek ct...	35	35 00	250	2 00	4 00	4311 00		
Harrisburgh ct.....	35	28 50	450	7 00	8 00	258 00	18 75	
Wittsburgh ct.....	40	40 00	400	7 00	6 00	320 00		15 00
Pleasant Hill ct. ....	40	30 90	200	6 00	9 50	131 00		
Jonesboro ct.....	40	27 00	390	6 00	10 00	245 00		
Mt. Zion ct.....	30	19 80	310	4 00	3 00	247 47		
Gainesville ct.....	40	40 00	445	7 00	15 00	219 00		31 00
Shiloh ct.....	30	28 00	335	6 00	3 00	268 28		
Buffalo Island ct...	35	11 35	350	2 00		135 00		
Boydsville ct.....	40	32 50	300	3 00		108 00		
Greensboro ct.....	40	45 00	354	6 00	16 00	354 00		
Walnut Ridge ct...					1 00			
	405	338 05	3784	56 00	82 50	2319 25	18 75	46 00

## HELENA DISTRICT:

Helena sta.....	\$150	50 00	1000	1250 00	16 00	30 00	20 00	13500 00
Forrest City ct. ....	100	63 67	400	254 68	12 65	8 45		
Holly Gve&Ind Bay	80	60 00	400	300 00	9 15	10 50		
Marvell ct.....	50	30 30	300	183 70	6 00	4 80	4 50	
DeView ct.....	80	68 60	480	411 70	12 50	22 00		
LaGrange ct. ....	100	60 35	600	362 25	12 00	27 50	25 00	16 00
Marianna sta.....	100	48 55	600	400 00	11 00	15 00		47 00
Brinkley sta.....	100	87 30	400	349 25	11 00	13 75		
Wheatley ct.....	45	45 00	375	375 00	5 70	14 00		
Goodwin ct.....	50	30 20			5 50			30 75
Cypress Ridge ct...	30	14 50	69		4 50			
Forrest City sta....	100	88 90	600	537 00	11 00	18 00		120 00
	985	647 63	5225	4493 08	117 00	164 00	49 50	13713 75

## MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT:

Osecola ct.....	100	23 25	400	92 00	6 25	3 40		
Chickasawba ct.....					6 70	11 15		24 00
Hickman Bend ct...	75	14 90	200	46 30	5 50			
Frenchman B. ct...	50	25 00	200	162 00	6 70	10 00		
Marion ct. ....	100	100 00	400	400 00	6 70	20 35		9 00
Tyrolza Mission...								
Hopefield Mission...	10	6 00	100	31 00	6 70			
Walnut Bend ct.....	100	40 00	500	110 00	4 40	5 00		
Big Lake Mission			100	5 00	2 75			
	435	209 15	1900	846 30	45 70	49 90		33 00

**STATISTICS and CHURCH PROPERTY****SEARCY DISTRICT:**

CHARGES.	L. Preachers	White Members.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Bapt'd.	Churches.	Sittings.	Value of Churches	Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages	Other church Property.	Money Expended
Searcy sta.....	2	182	17	20	1	300	6000	1	1500	130	200 00
Searcy ct.....	2	368	53	6	4	900	1400				
El Paso ct.....	9	621	57	9	7	1375	2300	1	4		242 00
West Point ct.....	1	323	12	2	4	1500	2000				719 00
Judsonia ct.....	4	254	8	2	2	700	700			75	260 00
Beebe ct.....		170	9		3	900	1500				
Oil Trough ct.....		96	10		3	950	500				
Pleasant Valley ct.....		157	1		3	600	1200				400 00
Augusta sta.....		128		7	1	200	2000	1	1500	75	104 00
Mineral ct.....	2	378	15	13	3	750	1750				134 50
Argenta Mission.....		66		7						897	
Bayou Meto ct.....	3	165	15	6	4	1000	1500				
Newport sta.....	1	52			1	350	2000				560 00
Walnut Ridge & Corn'g		32		7						15	
Jacksonport sta.....	1	39			1	175	250	1	1 50		
Jack-onport ct.....		150		3				1	100		
Total.....	25	3181	197	82	37	9700	\$23100	5	3 254	1192	\$2619 50

**BATESVILLE DISTRICT:**

Batesville sta.....	1	143	4	8	1	400	5000			300	1800 00
St Clair Rock ct.....	5	414	27	10	5	2250	3250	1	500		600 00
Jamestown ct.....	1	268	23	12	3	800	2100				500 00
LaCrosse & Evening S. sta		180	10		1	300	1000				
Melbourne ct.....	7	408	36	8	4	900	3200	1	300	200	105 00
Newbergh ct.....	10	389	20	19	4	850	875			75	192 79
Salem ct.....	7	413	45	20	1	100	1090			165	34 50
Mimmoth Springs Mission	1	140	11	3	1	100	75				
Viola ct.....	3	173	18		2	500	300				116 00
Bethesda ct.....	3	468	16	7	7	1500	2800				194 50
Ash Flat ct.....	3	334	15	11	3	800	850	1	250		25 00
Cata nine Mission.....	1	110	5	6	1	260	225	1	150		5 00
Mountain View ct.....	3	420	40	5	5	900	1300	1	350	100	200 00
Powhattan & Smithville ct	2	70	4	1	1	300	1000			350	50 00
Smithville ct.....	3	383	11	1	6	1000	1450	1	350	100	1000 00
Walnut Hill ct.....	6	207	30	13	1	300	530	1	200		
Poehontas ct.....	5	300	100	5	2	300	100	1	250	100	200 00
Siloam ct.....	7	300	20	8	4	1000	800				
Total.....	72	5125	426	137	53	12500	25855	8	2350	1390	\$5016 75

## JONESBORO DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	L.	Preachers.	White Members.	Adults Baptized.	Infants. B. p. d.	Churches.	Sittings.	Value of Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Other church Property.	Money Expended.
Taylor's Creek ct.....	1	252	20	10	2	500	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 00
Wittsburgh ct.....	5	174	15	4	2	500	800	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harrisburgh ct.....	3	384	96	10	6	1000	1200	1	500	100	735 65	.....
Jonesboro ct.....	3	245	15	9	1	300	150	.....	.....	150	600 90	.....
Shiloh ct.....	2	284	16	2	2	300	800	1	500	.....	40 00	.....
Old Town Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Buffalo Island ct.....	3	85	3	2	1	100	150	1	25	.....	125 00	.....
Greensboro ct.....	3	511	72	11	4	2400	2200	1	400	25	800 00	.....
Pleasant Hill ct.....	4	400	27	13	2	700	800	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gainesville ct.....	8	451	13	7	6	2150	2800	.....	.....	100	.....	.....
Boydsville ct.....	1	100	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	200	.....	.....	.....
Mt Zion ct.....	4	260	1	4	1½	325	500	.....	.....	42	200 00	.....
Corning ct.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Walnut Ridge ct.....	3	300	35	27	1	170	250	1	250	15	.....	.....
Total.....	40	3446	313	100	28½	8445	\$10150	6	1875	\$432	\$1932 65	.....

## MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT:

Osceola ct.....	1	67	.....	3	1	100	150	1	500	.....	75 00	.....
Chickasawba ct.....	4	183	15	9	3	470	1300	1	250	.....	.....	.....
Hickman Bend ct.....	.....	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	240	.....	.....
Frenchmans Bayou ct.....	.....	68	3	7	1	200	450	1	250	40	93 00	.....
Marion ct.....	.....	92	4	4	3½	800	2300	1	500	.....	300 00	.....
Tyrone Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hopefield Mission.....	1	14	.....	2	1	75	150	.....	.....	60	31 55	.....
Walnut Bend ct.....	1	39	3	1	3	800	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Big Lake Mission.....	3	45	8	.....	1	300	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	10	525	33	23	13½	2745	4750	4	1500	\$340	\$504 55	.....

## HELENA DISTRICT:

Helena sta.....	.....	160	15	5	1	1000	1700	1	1500	500	13000 00	.....
Marianna sta.....	.....	40	3	2	1	200	1500	.....	.....	250	235 00	.....
Forrest City sta.....	1	113	2	1	1	238	1000	1	1000	200	416 00	.....
Clarendon & Brinkley sta.	4	85	4	6	1	20	1000	.....	.....	.....	192 52	.....
La Grange ct.....	1	250	4	23	4	1000	3000	1	700	.....	750 00	.....
Holly Grove & C B. sta....	1	38	2	2	1	300	800	.....	.....	.....	700 00	.....
Wheatley ct.....	2	166	26	15	4½	800	1700	.....	.....	.....	100 00	.....
Marvell ct.....	2	135	18	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	125	.....	.....
DeView ct.....	.....	207	8	.....	2	500	1000	1	400	.....	.....	.....
Forrest City ct.....	.....	224	7	.....	2	550	1600	.....	.....	.....	1000 00	.....
Goodwin ct.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	11	1418	89	64	17½	4888	28600	4	3600	1075	\$16393 52	.....

**SUNDAY SCHOOLS.****SEARCY DISTRICT:**

CHARGES.	SCHOOLS			LITERATURE.					MONEY Expended.
	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Schools.	Vols. in Library.	visitors	Magazines.	Lesson Papers	Little People.	
Searcy sta.....	1	16	150	150	.....	7	150	.....	\$25 00
Searcy ct.....	3	12	104	60	20	5	20	11	7 00
El Paso ct.....	5	30	385	300	12	15	125	125	45 00
West Point ct.....	5	25	150	.....	.....	.....	75	75	8 75
Judsonia ct.....	3	24	150	160	.....	15	50	100	40 00
Beebe ct.....	3	40	170	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oil Trough ct.....	1	6	31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Valley ct.....	1	3	15	.....	18	20	15	24	15 00
Augusta sta.....	1	16	98	100	48	24	90	30	52 00
Mineral ct.....	4	26	190	74	22	...	163	22	18 55
Argenta Mission.....	1	9	99	.....	.....	1	18	20	9 80
Bayou Meto ct.....	0	.....	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newport sta.....	1	10	60	.....	.....	3	100	40	.....
Jacksonport ct.....	0	.....	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Walnut Ridge & Corning.....	2	.....	00	.....	.....	4	54	35	15 00
Jacksonport sta.....	1	6	45	.....	.....	.....	25	20	8 00
Total.....	32	223	1647	844	120	94	885	504	244 10

**BATESVILLE DISTRICT:**

Batesville sta.....	1	14	80	250	60	8	60	20	\$70 00
Sulphur Rock ct.....	2	12	125	250	.....	.....	40	20	15 00
Jamestown ct.....	4	28	173	42	.....	.....	65	47	8 55
La Crosse & Evening Shade.....	1	10	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Melbourne ct.....	4	23	175	50	8	10	65	85	35 00
Newburgh ct.....	5	18	195	.....	.....	.....	60	12	4 00
Salem ct.....	2	10	94	20	.....	.....	48	24	25 00
Manmoth Springs Mission.....	7	21	195	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	6 00
Viola ct.....	1	5	50	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethesda ct.....	3	18	160	72	.....	2	26	28	8 00
Ash Flat ct.....	4	26	224	5	1	...	31	40	6 75
Calamine Mission.....	1	6	40	.....	.....	.....	15	12	3 00
Mountain View ct.....	5	25	170	150	.....	.....	36	30	36 75
Powhatan & Smithville.....	2	16	84	425	40	6	80	20	63 55
Smithville ct.....	2	20	100	50	.....	.....	60	.....	15 00
Walnut Hill ct.....	2	7	65	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 50
Pocahontas ct.....	4	15	250	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Siloam ct.....	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pocahontas sta.....	1	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	51	274	2225	1518	109	26	598	338	\$309 10

## JONESBORO DISTRICT:

CHARGES.	SCHOOLS.			LITERATURE					MONEY Expended.
	Schools	Officers & Teachers.	Schools.	Vols. in Library.	Visitors.	Magazines.	Lesson Papers.	Little People.	
Taylor's Creek ct.....	5	30	150	75	150	8	200	100	\$30 00
Wittsburgh ct.....	3	17	115	.....	20	4	41	41	30 20
Harrisburgh ct.....	3	18	150	.....	10	8	60	50	20 00
Jonesboro ct.....	3	16	100	.....	24	6	24	12	12 00
Shiloh ct.....	4	24	165	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....
Oil Trough Mission .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Buffalo Island ct.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greensboro ct.....	4	20	260	.....	.....	4	20	10	5 00
Pleasant Hill ct.....	5	19	175	.....	15	4	70	75	24 20
Gamesville ct .....	3	12	130	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 75
Boydsville ct.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Zion ct.....	3	15	150	.....	.....	.....	36	36	9 60
Corning ct .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Walnut Ridge ct .....	6	.....	200	.....	27	.....	50	.....	20 00
Total.....	39	172	1595	75	246	34	501	339	151 75

## HELENA DISTRICT:

Helena sta. ....	1	14	80	60	30	15	25	20	101 45
Marianna ct.....	1	11	74	100	40	8	80	24	30 50
Forrest City sta. ....	1	12	100	.....	.....	15	45	40	26 90
Clarendon & Brinkley .....	2	21	182	.....	.....	5	102	54	70 00
Holly Grove & Indian Bay.....	2	7	40	.....	.....	8	20	10	15 00
La Grange ct.....	5	30	300	350	24	2	216	80	57 52
Wheatley ct .....	5	30	200	150	.....	10	60	15	100 00
Marvell ct.....	2	8	40	.....	.....	.....	24	24	12 50
DeView ct.....	2	10	85	.....	1	2	90	20	16 00
Forrest City ct.....	4	20	140	.....	.....	12	80	48	18 00
Goodwin ct.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cypress Ridge ct.....	3	25	131	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 35
Total.....	28	335	1372	860	95	77	542	188	469 12

## MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT:

Osceola ct.....	2	20	60	4	.....	.....	12	23	\$10 00
Chickasawba ct .....	3	12	130	.....	.....	.....	15	36	5 05
Hickman Bend ct .....	1	2	11	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Frenchman Bayou ct.....	1	4	50	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 50
Marion ct.....	2	8	55	.....	.....	10	11	20	9 75
Tyranza Mis-ion.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hopefield Mission.. ..	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Walnut Bend ct.....	1	4	16	.....	.....	.....	12	32	1 75
Big Lake Mission.....	3	11	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	13	65	357	72	.....	10	50	111	35 05

**MISSIONARY and CHURCH EXTENSION.****SEARCY DISTRICT:**

CHARGES.	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Church Extension.
Searcy sta.....	\$65 00	\$30 00	.....
Searcy ct.....	30 00	4 00	.....
El Paso ct.....	41 60	17 35	.....
West Point ct.....	15 00	15 00	.....
Judsonia ct.....	4 00	4 00	.....
Beebe ct.....	3 00	10 75	.....
Oil Trough ct.....	6 70	2 00	.....
Pleasant Valley ct.....	24 00	15 00	.....
Augusta sta.....	62 00	28 00	16 00
Mineral ct.....	21 40	13 00	3 70
Argenta Mission.....			
Bayou Meto ct.....	6 00	6 00	.....
Newport sta.....	30 25	13 00	.....
Jacksonport ct.....		5 15	.....
Walnut Ridge & Corning.....	12 00		7 50
Jacksonport sta.....	5 00	4 50	5 00
Total .....	\$325 95	\$167 75	\$32 20

**BATESVILLE DISTRICT:**

Batesville sta.....	67 25	24 00	.....
Sulphur Rock ct.....	12 00	12 60	5 00
Jamestown ct.....	20 00	12 50	.....
LaCrosse & Evening Shade.....			
Melbourne ct.....	15 00	9 00	.....
Newburgh ct.....	7 00	7 00	.....
Salem ct.....	22 20	9 00	.....
Mammoth Springs Mission.....	65	6 25	.....
Vioia ct.....			
Bethesda ct.....	5 75	5 65	.....
Ash Flat ct.....	19 70	9 00	.....
Calamine Mission.....		3 75	.....
Mountain View ct.....	10 00	3 50	.....
Lowhatan & Smithville sta.....	29 40	10 20	.....
Smithville ct.....	3 90	2 80	7 00
Walnut Hill ct.....	6 00	2 50	2 00
Pocahontas ct.....	7 00	3 00	2 00
Pocahontas sta.....	2 00	2 00	.....
Siloam ct.....	50		.....
Total.....	228 35	122 15	16 00



## JONESBORO DISTRICT:

	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Church Extension.
Taylors Creek et.....	10 00	6 35	.....
Wittsburgh et.....	7 00	5 00	4 00
Harrisburgh et.....	15 00	5 00	.....
Jonesboro et.....	4 00	5 00	8 00
Shiloh et.....	30 00	6 00	.....
Old Town et.....	.....	.....	.....
Buffalo Island et.....	6 50	.....	.....
Greensboro et.....	8 50	4 88	.....
Pleasant Hill et. ...	15 50	11 00	.....
Gainesville et.....	3 50	4 15	.....
Boydsville et.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Zion et.....	15 00	3 00	.....
Corning et.....	.....	.....	.....
Walnut Ridge et.....	5 20	.....	.....
Total.....	120 20	50 38	12 00

## HELENA DISTRICT:

Helena sta. ....	.....	25 00	.....
Marianna sta.....	12 00	20 00	.....
Forrest City sta..	25 00	20 00	10 00
Clarendon & Brinkley .....	35 00	25 35	8 25
Holly Grove.....	4 00	4 00	.....
La Grange et.....	45 00	25 10	8 45
Wheatley et .....	35 00	15 00	.....
Marvell et.....	10 00	7 00	.....
DeView et.....	30 00	25 00	.....
Forrest City et.....	23 50	12 40	.....
Goodwin et.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	219 50	178 85	26 70

## MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT:

Osceola et.....	3 00	2 00	.....
Chickasawba et .....	16 75	5 00	.....
Hickman Bend et .....	1 25	50	.....
Frenchman Bayou et.....	.....	14 00	.....
Marion et.....	50 00	5 00	.....
Tyronza Mis-ion.....	.....	.....	.....
Hopetfield Mission.....	.....	2 00	.....
Walnut Bend et.....	5 00	4 25	.....
Big Lake Mission.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	76 00	32 75	.....

**MISSIONARY and CHURCH EXTENSION.****SEARCY DISTRICT :**

CHARGE.	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Church Extension.
Searcy sta.....	\$65 00	\$30 00	.....
Searcy ct.....	30 00	4 00	.....
El Paso ct.....	41 60	17 35	.....
West Point ct.....	15 00	15 00	.....
Judsonia ct.....	4 00	4 00	.....
Beebe ct.....	3 00	10 75	.....
Oil Trough ct.....	6 70	2 00	.....
Pleasant Valley ct.....	24 00	15 00	.....
Augusta sta.....	62 00	28 00	16 00
Mineral ct.....	21 40	13 00	3 70
Argenta Mission.....	.....	.....	.....
Bayou Meto ct.....	6 00	6 00	.....
Newport sta.....	30 25	13 00	.....
Jacksonport ct.....	.....	5 15	.....
Walnut Ridge & Corning.....	12 00	.....	7 50
Jacksonport sta.....	5 00	4 50	5 00
Total .....	\$325 95	\$167 75	\$32 20

**BATESVILLE DISTRICT :**

Batesville sta.....	67 25	24 00	.....
Sulphur Rock ct.....	12 00	12 00	5 00
Jamestown ct.....	20 00	12 50	.....
LaCrosse & Evening Shade.....	.....	.....	.....
Melbourne ct.....	15 60	9 00	.....
Newburgh ct.....	7 00	7 00	.....
Salem ct.....	22 20	9 00	.....
Mammoth Springs Mission.....	65	6 25	.....
Viola ct.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethesda ct.....	5 75	5 65	.....
Ash Flat ct.....	19 70	9 00	.....
Calamine Mission.....	.....	3 75	.....
Mountain View ct.....	10 00	3 50	.....
Lowhatan & Smithville sta.....	29 40	16 20	.....
Smithville ct.....	3 90	2 80	7 00
Walnut Hill ct.....	6 00	12 50	12 00
Pocahontas ct.....	7 00	3 00	2 00
Pocahontas sta.....	2 00	2 00	.....
Siloam ct.....	50	.....	.....
Total.....	228 35	122 15	16 00

## JONESBORO DISTRICT:

	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Church extension.
Taylor's Creek et.....	10 00	6 35	
Wittsburgh et.....	7 00	5 00	4 00
Harrisburgh et.....	15 00	5 00	
Jonesboro et.....	4 00	5 00	8 00
Shiloh et.....	30 00	6 00	
Old Town et.....			
Buffalo Island et.....	6 50		
Greensboro et.....	8 50	4 88	
Pleasant Hill et. ...	15 50	11 00	
Gainesville et.....	3 50	4 15	
Boydsville et.....			
Mt. Zion et.....	15 00	3 00	
Corning et.....			
Walnut Ridge et.....	5 20		
Total.....	120 20	50 38	12 00

## HELENA DISTRICT:

Helena sta. ....		25 00	
Marianna sta. ....	12 00	20 00	
Forrest City sta. ....	25 00	20 00	10 00
Clarendon & Brinkley .....	35 00	25 35	8 25
Holly Grove.....	4 00	4 00	
La Grange et.....	45 00	25 10	8 45
Wheatley et.....	35 00	15 00	
Marvell et.....	10 00	7 00	
DeView et.....	30 00	25 00	
Forrest City et.....	23 50	12 40	
Goodwin et.....			
Total.....	219 50	178 85	26 70

## MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT:

Osceola et.....	3 00	2 00	
Chickasawba et.....	16 75	5 00	
Hickman Bend et.....	1 25	50	
Frenchman Bayou et.....		14 00	
Marion et.....	50 00	5 00	
Tyronza Mission.....			
Hopefield Mission.....		2 00	
Walnut Bend et.....	5 00	4 25	
Big Lake Mission.....			
Total.....	76 00	32 75	

## RECAPITULATIONS.

## COLLECTIONS :

	FOR THE MINISTRY.				OTHER OBJECTS.			
	Salary P. E.	Recpts.	Salary P. C.	Recpts.	Bishops.	C. C.	Poor.	Other objects.
Searcy Dist.....	1070	734 75	7955	5427 80	112 70	185 50	185 45	173 30
Batesville Dist. ....	645	495 02	5610	4263 95	103 00	154 30	55 50	162 20
Jonesboro Dist. ....	405	338 05	3784	2319 25	56 00	87 50	18 75	46 00
Helena Dist.....	985	647 37	5225	4493 08	117 00	164 00	49 50	13763 25
Mississippi Dist.....	435	200 15	1900	846 30	45 70	49 90	.....	33 00
Grand Totals...	3540	2424 34 24	473	1735038	434 40	641 20	309 20	14177 75

## STATISTICS and CHURCH PROPERTY :

	L. Preachers.	White Members.	Adults Baptized.	Infants B. p. d.	Churches.	Sittings.	Value of Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages	Other church Property.	Money Expended.
Searcy Dist.....	25	3181	197	82	37	9700	23100	5	3254	1192	2619 50
Batesville Dist.....	72	5125	426	137	53	12500	25855	8	2350	1390	5016 75
Jonesboro Dist.....	40	3446	313	100	281	8445	10150	6	1875	432	1932 65
Mississippi Dist....	10	525	33	26	131	2745	4750	4	1500	340	504 55
Helena Dist.....	11	1418	89	64	171	4888	28600	4	3600	1075	16393 52
Total .....	158	13695	1058	409	1491	38278	\$92455	27	\$12579	4429	\$26467 01

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS :

	SCHOOLS			LITERATURE.					MONEY
	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.	Visitors	Magazines	Lesson Papers	Little People.	
Searcy District.....	32	223	1647	844	120	94	885	504	244 10
Batesville District.....	51	274	2225	1518	109	26	598	338	309 10
Jonesboro District.....	39	172	1595	75	246	34	501	339	151 75
Helena District.....	28	188	1372	860	95	77	542	335	469 12
Mississippi District.....	13	62	357	72	.....	10	50	111	26 05
Grand Total.....	163	919	7196	3369	570	241	2576	1627	\$1200 12

## MISSIONARY and CHURCH EXTENSION:

	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Church Extension.
Searcy District.....	325 95	168 00	32 20
Batesville District.....	228 35	122 15	16 00
Jonesboro District.....	120 20	50 38	12 00
Helena District.....	219 50	173 85	26 70
Mississippi District.....	76 00	32 75	.....
Grand Total.....	\$970 00	\$552 13	\$86 90

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NOTE—On page 39 occur several errors. In the Jonesboro District, three columns of figures got misplaced, and were not discovered until after the form was printed. The column under "C. C.," should be under "Rec'pts" of Salary P. C., and the first item should be 43 00, instead of "4311.00." The figures under "Rec'pts." should be under "Bishops:" and those under "Bishops," should be under "C. C.," with the first item changed from 4 00 to "11.00."—[PUBLISHERS.]

# HISTORICAL EPITOME

## OF

# WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

### FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

The first Conference organization in the State of Arkansas was the Arkansas Conference, in 1836. Bishop Morris was President, and Rev. W. P. Rateliff, Secretary. The General Conference of 1870 made White River Conference out of the eastern portion of Arkansas Conference.

The first session of White River Conference was held at Mount Zion Church, Cross county, Sept., 1870. Bishop John C. Keener was the President; James Wickersham, a layman, was Secretary; Thos. B. King was elected assistant Secretary, but he does not appear to have been a member of, or delegate to, the Conference.

The following were members at the organization: John W. Steel, Geo. A. Dannelly, Jas. Mackey, John Rhyne, Wm. A. Cobb, C. H. Gregory, E. T. Jones, Burwell Lee, Wm. Gillespie, E. W. Coleman, Benoni Harris, J. H. Cox, J. P. Webb, Jas. L. Denton, H. A. Barnett, A. R. Bennick, Josiah Williams, R. N. Francis, John W. Patton, B. F. Hall, John H. Dye, E. M. Baker, T. H. Howard, J. W. Walkup, W. M. Watson, Henry T. Gregory, W. T. Nee, C. H. Ellis, M. C. Morris, Geo. A. Shaeffer, R. G. Brittain, J. P. Hall.

There were present twenty-one members and seventeen delegates. The delegates present were J. M. Hanks, W. F. Sale, H. T. Blythe, J. F. Smith, Josiah Roberts, Jas. Wickersham, M. H. McMurtry, Alex. Miller, J. A. Barnett, R. C. Sherrell, J. H. McFerrer, Wm. N. Allen, A. T. Hollyman, R. S. Bryant, Lewis Williams, J. C. Brookfield.

Admitted on trial: S. D. Evans, Wm. Ross, W. M. Whitehead, Jerome Haralson, W. H. Corley, N. G. Murphy, Joseph Parker, Thos. Vincent, W. J. Dodson, E. A. Garrison, W. C. Malone, T. J. Settle.

Admitted into full connection: W. R. Young.

Received by transfer: John H. Porter, in full connection, from Indian Mission Conference, Located; John W. Patton and J. A. Williams, Supernumerary; Ed. T. Jones. Died: John Cowl and E. F. McNabb. Transferred: To Arkansas Conference, H. A. Barnett, R. G. Brittain, B. F. Hall, J. H. Hall, C. H. Gregory, W. J. Dodson, J. Haralson, and W. H. Corley; to St. Louis Conference, Geo. A. Shaeffer; to Missouri Conference, R. N. Francis.

The second session was held at Batesville, Nov., 1871.

Bishop McTyre, President, James Wickersham, Secretary, J. H. Dye and W. R. Young, Assistants. Present, 25 members and 5 delegates.

Admitted on trial: T. A. Craig, J. J. Alexander, J. M. Talkington, James Denton and Joseph L. Short.

*Wm. in full connection*

Discontinued : W. M. Whitehead, D. W. Reid, C. S. Floyd, J. H. Porter and N. G. Murphy.

Admitted in full: None.

Received by transfer: Robt. Blasingame, from West Texas Conference; E. W. Massey, from Little Rock Conference; John J. Prather, from North Carolina Conference; Arthur Davis and J. F. Armstrong, from Memphis Conference; M. B. Pearson, B. F. Hall and R. G. Brittain, from Arkansas Conference.

Located : Robert Blasingame, E. W. Coleman and J. P. Webb. Supernumerary : E. T. Jones and M. B. Pearson.

Superannuated : W. A. Cobb. Died : None.

Transferred : To St. Louis conference, J. H. Cox; to Indian Mission Conference, James Denton; to North Mississippi, Elias Jackson; to Arkansas Conference, J. Haralson, W. H. Corley, Thos. Graham, R. N. Francis, Jesse Griffin and W. J. Dodson.

The third session was held at Augusta, Oct., 1872.

Bishop Wightman, President, James Wickersham, Secretary, J. C. (intended for H) Dye, Assistant. Present, 11 members and 15 delegates.

Admitted on trial : J. B. McKamy, M. C. Clark, John A. Cooper, D. J. Hare, F. M. Petty and A. H. Woodard.

Discontinued : W. J. Ross, James L. Short and W. C. Malone.

Admitted in full: F. A. Ellis, Joseph Parker, S. D. Evans, Thos. Vincent, E. A. Garrison, L. D. W. Webb and T. J. Settle.

Re-Admitted: Andrew Conley.

Received by transfer: J. H. Hall, from Ark. Conf., and E. Orgain, (don't say where from).

Located : Joseph Parker and R. W. Massey.

Supernumerary : E. T. Jones, M. B. Pearson, John Rhyne and T. H. Howard.

Superannuated : W. A. Cobb.

Died : W. W. Gillespie.

The fourth session was held at Forrest City, Nov., 1873.

Bishop Pierce, President, Rev. J. H. Dye, Secretary, Rev. J. W. Boswell, Assistant.

Present, 13 members and 8 delegates.

Admitted on trial : J. W. Ross, T. P. Hare, M. B. Umsted, W. B. Foster, D. D. McCutchen, Jno. D. Brewster and W. C. Malone.

Discontinued : Jno. A. Cooper.

Admitted in full: J. M. Talkington, T. A. Craig, J. J. Alexander and T. J. Brickle.

Received by transfer : Jno. W. Boswell, from North Miss. Conf.; T. J. Brickle, from the Congregational Methodist Church.

Supernumerary : E. T. Jones and M. B. Pearson

Superannuated: John Rhyne.

Died : W. A. Cobb.

Transferred : Jno. W. Walkup, to N. W. Texas; L. D. Webb, to Little Rock Conference.

The Credentials of E. W. Coleman and Eli Hindman were surrendered.

The fifth session was held at Searcy, Nov., 1874.

Bishop Kavanaugh, President, J. H. Dye, J. W. Boswell and E. A. Garrison, Secretaries.

Present, 31 members and 6 delegates.

Admitted on trial : Z. T. Bennett, H. E. Robertson, George Hill, A. P. Saffold, S. L. Cochran, T. J. Franks, J. F. Jernigan, R. D. Moon, J. A. Walkup, E. M. Mumma, Frank Ritter, W. A. Pendergrass, J. G. Miller, Sam'l Bayless, Wm. H. Paschall and Jno. A. Corbit.

Discontinued: D. D. McCutchen, M. C. Clark, P. C. Oliver, W. B. Foster and John D. Brewster.

Admitted in full: J. B. McKamy, D. J. Hare, A. H. Woodard, J. C. Carter and F. M. Petty.

Received by transfer: Geo. A. Shaeffer, from South West Mo. Conf. and W. B. Littlejohn, from Memphis Conference.

Located: James L. Denton.

Superannuated: E. T. Jones.

Superannuated: Jno. Rhyne.

Transferred: C. H. Ellis and Jas. A. Walkup, to N. W. Texas Conf.; J. J. Prather, to Illinois Conf.; J. H. Boyd, to Little Rock Conference.

The sixth session was held at Helena, Dec., 1875.

President, Bishop Dogget, Secretaries, J. H. Dye, J. W. Boswell and E. A. Garrison.

Present, 25 members and 6 delegates. Searcy District and Batesville District had no delegate present.

Admitted on trial: T. W. Morton, R. M. McAlister, A. C. Griffin and J. M. Clark.

Discontinued: T. J. Franks and F. M. Mumms

Admitted in full: T. P. Hare and J. H. Priddy

Received by transfer: E. A. Stevenson, from North Alabama; C. J. Nugent, from Mississippi; J. H. Priddy, from Memphis, N. C. Dodson from the Protestant Methodist Church

Located: R. W. Massey and A. H. Woodard

Superannuated: E. T. Jones, M. B. Pearson and T. H. Howard

Superannuated: John Rhyne and B. Lee

Died: J. W. Ross, A. Conley, J. H. Hall and W. T. Noe

Transferred: Jas. Mackey, to Little Rock Conference

The Credentials of Joseph P. Barton, who had been expelled, were filed.

The seventh session was held at Batesville, Nov., 1876

Bishop Keener, President, J. H. Dye, J. W. Boswell and E. Orgain, Secretaries.

Present, 28 members and 6 delegates. Jonesboro and Mississippi District had no delegate present.

Admitted on trial: M. J. F. Beasley, S. G. Shaw, W. A. Lindsay, Jno. R. Steele, C. L. Freeman and C. B. Hunton.

Discontinued: T. W. Morton and H. E. Robertson.

Admitted in full: Z. T. Bennett, George Hill, J. F. Jernigan, R. D. Moon, F. Ritter, S. L. Cochran, J. A. Corbit, W. C. Malone and M. B. Umsted.

Re-admitted: J. A. Parker.

Received by transfer: Josephus Anderson, from South Georgia Conference; N. B. Fizer and B. Rayner, from North Mississippi Conference; L. G. Rogers, from Memphis, and L. D. Webb, from Little Rock.

Located: E. A. Stevenson, F. M. Petty and J. H. Priddy.

Superannuated: B. Lee.

Died: J. B. McKamy.

Transferred: A. R. Bennick, to North West Texas Conference; C. J. Nugent, to Memphis.

The eighth session was held at Augusta, Nov., 1877.

Bishop Kavanaugh, President, J. H. Dye and J. W. Boswell, Secretaries.

Present, 35 members and 9 delegates. Mississippi District had no delegate present.

Admitted on trial: H. B. McNeill, M. M. Smith, N. E. Skinner, Z. T.



Griffin, A S Blackwood, W H Phipps, I T Morris, J S Watson and Z W Lindsay.

Discontinued: W A Pendergrass.

Admitted in full: J M Clark, J G Miller, W H Paschall and B S Rayner.

Re-admitted: A H Woodard.

Received by transfer: R A Wilson, from Tennessee Conference.

Located: D J Hare, J A Parker, T P Hare and W H Paschall.

Superannuated: Jno. Rhyne and E. T. Jones.

Died: B. Lee.

Transferred: E Orgain, to West Va.; J. A. Corbit, to Memphis.

The ninth session was held at Searcy, Dec., 1878.

Bishop Dogget, President, J H Dye, J W Boswell and W R Young. Secretaries.

Present, 33 members and 12 delegates. Mississippi District, no delegate present.

Admitted on trial: G W McGlasson, J T Ward, E C Castleberry, D S Smith, J F Troy, J W Wood and E A Warren.

Discontinued: W H Phipps and S L Bayless.

Admitted in full: M J F Beasley, S G Shaw, J R Steele, C L Freeman, C B Hunton, L G Rogers and N B Fizer.

Re-admitted: J W Patton.

Located: T J Brickle and W C Malone.

Supernumerary: B S Rayner.

Superannuated: John Rhyne, Ed T Jones, E M Baker and A Davis.

The tenth session was held at Jacksonport, Dec., 1879.

Bishop Pierce, President, Rev. Jno. W Boswell, Secretary, Rev's J M Talkington and E A Garrison assistants.

Present, 30 members and 14 delegates. Mississippi District not represented.

Admitted on trial: J A Vernon, H C Davis, J F Cavern, F R Nor and R L Smith.

Admitted in full: H B McNeill, N E Skinner, I T Morris, A S Blackwood, J S Watson, M M Smith, Z W Lindsay, W A Lindsay and R M McAlister.

Re-admitted: J C Brown (located in Alabama); W C Malone was restored.

Rec'd by Transfer: G W Cottingham, from North Texas Conf.

Located: W R Young, J G Miller, L D Webb and W C Malone.

Superannuated: Jno. Rhyne and E T Jones.

Died: Arthur Davis and B F Hall.

Transferred: C H Ford, to Florida.

The eleventh session was held at Helena, Dec., 1880. Bishop Pierce President till the third day, when he left, and John M Steele took the chair.

Fifty-four members and seven delegates present. Geo Thornburgh, Secretary; J M Clark and N B Fizer, assistants.

Admitted on trial: Wm Martyn, J S Brooke, J P Hilburn, T B Hilburn, J E Gay, H E Fleming, S W Register, Lewis Kelley, John Moore, R P Harwood.

Discontinued: E A Warren, H C Davis, T H Wheat.

Admitted in full: G W McGlasson, E C Castleberry, J F Troy, Z T Griffin, D S Smith.

Received by transfer: J J Brooks, J R Jones, Z W Richardso

Located: Z W Lindsay, W A Lindsay, H B McNeill.

Supernumerary: T H Howard.

Superannuated: John Rhyne, E T Jones.

Died: M B Pearson.

Transferred: J W Boswell, to Arkansas Conference; R A Wilson, to North Alabama Conference.

The twelfth session was held at Beebe, Dec., 1881. Josephus Anderson, President, till the third day, when Bishop McTyeire arrived and took the chair. Geo. Thornburgh, Secretary; J. M. Clark and C. L. Freeman, assistants.

Forty-nine members and fourteen delegates present.

Admitted on trial: R R Raymond, R S Ellis, R D Woodley.

Discontinued: Geo W Richardson.

Admitted in full: R H Rogers, F R Noe, J W Wood, R H Rogers, was received from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Re-admitted: C H Ford, H B McNeill, F E Taylor.

Received by transfer: W A Dollar, W A Gardner.

Located: W A Dollar, A H Woodard, D S Smith, G W McGlasson.

Superannuated: John Rhyne, E T Jones.

Died: J M Steele, R M. McAlister, Wm. Martyn.

Transferred: G W. Cottingham, to West Texas Conference.

The thirteenth session was held at Forest City, Nov. and Dec., 1882. Bishop Wilson, President; Geo. Thornburgh, Secretary; W E Randall and C L Freeman, assistants.

Forty-one members and eight delegates present. Admitted on trial—W M Avery, T A Skinner. Discontinued—: L Smith. Admitted in full—J C Ritter, J P Hilburn, T B Hilburn, John Moore, I A Verdon, J S Brooke, J E Gay, R P Harwood, J R Jones, H E Fleming, S W Register, Lewis Kelley. Re-admitted—T B F James. Received by transfer—J A Anderson, from Little Rock Conference. Located—S D Evans, T E Howard, Z W Richardson, Lewis Kelley, Z T Griffin. Supernumerary—R G Brittain, J J Alexander. Superannuated—John Rhyne, E F Jones. Died—J J Brooks. Transferred—B

Rayner, to North Mississippi Conference; J E Gay, to North Carolina Conference; W A Gardner and J R Steele, to Arkansas Conference; L G Rogers, to North-West Texas Conference.

Miscellaneous. At the session of 1870, Solon Graham, a colored man, was elected and ordained a local deacon.

The representation in District Conferences was fixed in 1870 at four from each Quarterly Conference. In 1871 it was made to include all the members of the Quarterly Conference. In 1873 it was changed to two from the Quarterly Conference and one from each Church. In 1877 district stewards who attend the meeting of the Board of District Stewards were made members, and so the law stands now.

The first Conference required the preachers to pay 5 per cent of their salary to the Conference Fund, and the presiding elders to be liable for the Bishops' Fund.

For printing minutes \$132 was subscribed in 1870, and \$80 in 1872, and these are the only years they were printed.

In 1880 Bishop Pierce left the Conference before it was through and placed Rev. J. M. Steele in the chair. This the General Conference criticised, and said the Bishop had not the right to do so.

In 1881 Dr. Winfield presented to the Conference a beautiful gavel made of olive-wood, taken from Bethlehem and brought by him from the Holy Land.

In 1881 W. G. Brittain offered a resolution proposing a union with Arkansas Conference, which was voted down nearly unanimously.

In 1882 it was resolved that the presiding elders shall meet hereafter Tuesday night before each Conference, and prepare list of committeemen ready to report at opening of Conference.

Delegates to General Conference; 1873, Geo. A. Dannelly and James Mackey, clerical; W. F. Sale and James Wickersham, lay. Alternates - W. T. Noe, clerical; Jas. McFerrin, lay. Neither Sale nor McFerrin went to the General Conference.

1877, John M. Steele and John H. Dye, clerical; W. W. Garland and O. T. Hunt, lay.

Alternates: G. A. Dannelly and Josephus Anderson, clerical; J. M. Hanks and H. V. Crozier, lay.

1881, Josephus Anderson and J. H. Dye, clerical; Geo. Thornburgh and D. B. Warren, lay.

Alternates: G. A. Dannelly, clerical; L. L. Mack, lay.

Omissions in the Minutes: In the minutes of 1879, there is no report or memoir on the death of Revs. A. Davis and B. F. Hall. And in the minutes of 1880, there is no record of the memorial on the death of M. B. Pearson.

The minutes do not show how or when either W. R. Foster or C. H. Ford came into the Conference. They were, as a fact, both transfers from Arkansas Conference, the first coming to us in 1871, the other in 1873.

R. N. Francis was transferred to Missouri Conference in 1870, and then to Arkansas Conference in 1871, without any showing that he was in our Conference between the two dates.

A new Constitution for the Board of Missions was adopted in 1874, but has never been recorded.

The minutes of 1876 have not been signed by either President or Secretary.

#### PREACHERS RECEIVED FROM OTHER CHURCHES:

1370,	John Anderson,	from Old School Presbyterian.
1871,	Thos. M. Lane,	" Congregational Methodist.
1873,	T. J. Brickley,	" " "
1874,	J. H. Boyd,	" Canada Wesleyan "
1875,	N. C. Dodson,	" Protestant "
1876,	W. T. Chamberlain,	General Baptist.
1876,	Jas. N. Campbell,	" North Methodist.
1878,	Geo. W. McGlasson,	Missionary Baptist.
1879,	Wm. Carrens,	" Free Will Baptist.
1881,	R. H. Rogers,	" Cumberland Presbyterian.
1881,	A. S. Dees,	" Free Will Baptist.

Conference Papers. The Western Methodist was the Conference organ from 1870 to 1881. This paper was published at Memphis, Tenn., until 1872, when it was moved to Little Rock, Ark. In 1882 it was removed to Memphis, and in the same year was discontinued. Dr. W. C. Johnson was the editor and publisher.

In 1882, Rev. John W. Boswell, of the Arkansas Conference, and Rev. J. C. Brown, of our Conference, began the publication of the Arkansas Methodist at Morrillton, Ark. They soon moved it to Little Rock, and in a short while sold it to Rev. S. G. Colburn, who still runs it. It has a large circulation in our Conference, and merits a liberal patronage.

The Nashville Christian Advocate has always been cordially indorsed, and recognized by the Conference as the great central organ of the whole Church.

Our Schools. Saulsbury Institute was a school established by the Arkansas Conference many years before the organization of our Conference. From the report of the Committee on Education in 1871 I gather the following facts: "In 1854 the Saulsbury Institute was in a prosperous condition, and the pride of the Arkansas Conference. The Ouachita (now Little Rock) Conference had just been made, and Wallace Institute, located at Van Buren, was soon taken under the care of

the Conference, so the patronage of Saulsbury was taken from it, and it began to decline and did but little good afterward. During the war of 1861-5, Wallace Institute was destroyed and the school abandoned. The buildings of Saulsbury were saved but the school was broken up. At the organization of our Conference, the property fell to us, but it came burdened with a debt of about one thousand dollars." G. A. Dannelly was by the Conference of 1870 appointed agent to raise the funds to pay the debt, and Rev. A. R. Bennick attempted, with a show of success, to revive the school, but in 1871 a committee was appointed to "take charge and dispose of the property, pay the debts, and relocate it in the vicinity of Batesville." B. Lee, J. M. Steele, J. N. Cypert, Theodore Maxfield and James Wickersham were appointed to compose the committee. At the session of 1872 R. H. Powell and R. C. Sherrell took the places of Steele and Lee, and that is the last we ever heard of Saulsbury Institute.

The Conference of 1871 appointed G. A. Dannelly, J. H. Dye and James Mackey a committee to confer with the Little Rock Conference in regard to building a State female college at Little Rock. This committee, it appears, made no report. The Conference of 1872 appointed another committee, consisting of the same three, with E. T. Jones and J. M. Steele added. The school was started this year by the three Conferences, and is still in successful operation.

The organization of a male college was proposed by the Arkansas Conference in 1874, and our Conference appointed a committee, composed of Steele, Dannelly and Mackey, to confer with them on the subject. Our committee made two trips to meet the Arkansas Conference committee but failed, and in 1875 the committee was discharged. At the Conference of 1875 John M. Steele, Geo. A. Dannelly and Jas. Mackey were appointed a committee to confer with committees from the Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences with a view to the establishment of "a male and female college at or near Little Rock." This committee has never been heard from. In 1882 our Conference appointed Josephus Anderson to confer with the other two Conferences "with a view of supporting Quitman college," a school at Quitman, Va. Buren county, Ark.

District Schools. In 1871 Jacksonport District High School was located at Searcy. It lived several years, and did much good.

About 1875 Mississippi District High School was started at Osceola. How long it lived or where it died, I do not know. Brother Blythe says, "somebody put it in a carpet-sack, took it to Marion, and there buried it."

Helena District, in 1876, inaugurated a school at Forrest City. One report was all the Annual Conference ever got from it.

Batesville District and Black River District ran a school at Smithville in 1877-79, and then turned the property back to William C. Sloan, who had given it to the church.

Batesville District located a school at Philadelphia, Izard county, in 1880, but for some reason, in 1881 moved it to Salem, Fulton county. It is still in operation.

The Committee on Education, in their report to the Conference of 1882, said: "We deeply deplore the want of educational facilities in this Conference. There is no school of high grade under our charge." I hear that Helena District has a school, lately located, with good prospects before it.

Remarks. At the session of 1872 the lay delegates present outnumbered the clerical members present by four. The largest attendance of clerical members was at Helena, in 1880, there being fifty-four present. The smallest attendance of them was at Augusta, in 1872—only eleven present. The largest attendance of lay delegates was at the first session, in 1870, when there were present seventeen. The smallest at-

tendance of them was at the sessions of 1874, 1875, and 1776—each of these sessions only had six.

The following table shows a very satisfactory increase and improvement, especially so in membership, parsonages, missions, and Sunday schools:

STATISTICAL.	Traveling Preachers.	Local Preachers.	Members.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Churches.	Value of Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.
In 1870.....	32	90	8 249	493	238	103	741	2	\$1 200
In 1882.....	63	155	13 307	71	325	147	88 150	23½	11 655
Increase.....	31	65	5 058	422	87	46	23 27	21½	\$10 455
Per ct. increase.	96	72	63	88	37	43	42 1 200	87½	

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.	Sunday School Officers & Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Vols. in Library.	Visitors.	Magazines.	Lit e People.	Money Expended for Sunday schools.
In 1870.....	93	461	3 036	3 867	307	.....	\$515
In 1882.....	163	950	6 882	4,439	501	260	1189
Increase.....	70	489	3 845	572	94	All	All.
Per cent. of increase.....	75	117	127	12	30	.....	88

COLLECTIONS.	Support of Ministry.	Bishops.	Conference Claimants.	Poor.	Missions.	Sundry.
In 1870.....	\$14 710	\$328	\$223	\$ 75	\$ 395	.....
In 1882.....	20 564	375	471	334	1 431	\$1 175
Increase.....	\$5 854	\$ 47	\$245	\$279	\$1 036	All.
Pr. ct. increase.	40	14	108	507	262	.....

The average salary actually paid the preachers in charge in 1870 was \$400. In 1882 it was \$300—a decline of twenty-five per cent. But this apparent retrograde in the payment of preachers is more than balanced by the difference in the cost of living; for in 1870 every thing the preacher had to buy was high. I have it from an old merchant of our place, who has done business for the last eighteen years, that the average decline of staple goods in 1882 from the cost in 1870 is forty-five per cent. Thus we find that our preachers are paid twenty per cent more now than in 1870. The average assessment for the ministry in 1870 was \$2.70 per Church-member, while the receipts only averaged \$1.78, a deficit of 34 per cent. In 1882 the assessment for same purpose averaged \$2.05 per member, and the receipts \$1.55 per member, a deficit of 24 per cent, showing 40 per cent. greater deficit in 1870 than in 1882. In 1870 the average contribution for Bishops, Conference claimants, poor, and missions, was 12 cents per member. In 1882 for same objects it was 20 cents per member—an increase of 66 2-3 per cent.

The highest salary paid in 1870 was \$1,715, by Helena Station, to James L. Denton, being an average of \$46 per Church-member. The assessment was \$1,750. The highest salary paid in 1882 was by Helena to E. A. Garrison and Augusta to J. C. Brown, each \$1,000 (full assess-

ment), being \$8.13 per member for Helena, and \$7.62 per member for Augusta.

The lowest salary paid in 1870 was \$27, by Mammoth Springs Circuit, to R. N. Francis, being 17 cents per member. The assessment was \$275. The lowest salary paid in 1882 was \$45, to J. W. Wood, by Gainesville Circuit being 13 cents per member. The assessment was \$300. The highest salary paid in any year was that to Denton. The lowest to a traveling preacher in any year was \$18, to W. R. Young, by Tyronee Circuit, in 1875, and the same amount to John A. Corbit, by Marion Circuit, in 1876.

The largest number of infant baptisms in 1870 was seventy-two, by James Mackey, P. C. of Cotton Plant Circuit. The largest number in 1882 was twenty-seven, by J. C. Ritter, P. C. of Taylor's Creek Circuit.

The largest number of adult baptisms in 1870 was sixty-three, by H. T. Gregory, P. C. of Jonesboro Circuit. The largest in 1882 was seventy-five, by J. F. Jernigan, P. C. of Jamestown Circuit.

The largest work numerically in 1870, was Searcy Circuit, five hundred and fifty members. The largest in 1882 was Sulphur Rock Circuit, four hundred and twenty-nine members. The smallest in 1870 was Helena Station, thirty-seven members. The smallest in 1882 was Clover Bend Station, nineteen members. The largest in any year was Pocahontas Circuit, seven hundred and thirty-four members in 1875.

The largest collection for missions in 1870 was by W. C. Malone, supply of Harrisburg Circuit, \$71.50. The largest in 1882 was by M. J. F. Beasley, P. C. of Batesville Station, \$110. The largest collection for missions, Conference claimants, and Bishops combined, in 1870, was by W. C. Malone, supply of Harrisburg Circuit, \$98.50. The largest in 1882 was by E. A. Garrison, P. C. of Helena Station, \$155.

Personal: George A. Dannelly, John H. Dye, H. T. Gregory, E. A. Garrison and Thos. Vincent have attended every session of the Conference and no complaint, written or oral, has ever been made in the Conference against either one of them. That is certainly an enviable record. Of the laymen, W. W. Garland attended four sessions; W. F. Sale, four; Jas. Wickersham four; Henry Hays, L. P., five; H. T. Blythe, L. P. five; Geo. Thornburgh, seven. Josephus Anderson was President of the Conference of 1881 by election, and gave universal satisfaction. M. J. F. Beasley was in 1880 recommended for appointment as missionary to China. Benoni Harris is the oldest and T. B. F. James the youngest member of Conference, in length of service therein. Last and not least, this is the only Annual Conference in our Church that has a layman for secretary.

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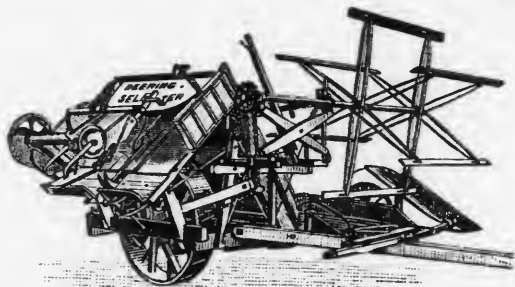
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